

paid "in whatever shall be the medium of trade for the time being in this Province, at silver, seventeen shillings per ounce." The late John Farmer, Esq., estimated Mr. Walker's salary of £100 at \$130,67; adding £20 it would be \$156,83. In addition to this, £100 was paid to Mr. Walker "to enable him to build an house;" and he also had, in his right, the lot laid out

directed to pay unto Mr. Simonds and company the sums heretofore granted for building said mills. Then

Voted, That Mr. Moderator be desired to adjourn this meeting to this place to the last Tuesday in March next, at ten of the clock in the morning, to which time and place the moderator accordingly adjourned the meeting.

Attest : O. AYER, *Clerk*.

Concordat cum originali.

Attest : JOHN WAINWRIGHT, *C. Clerk*.

We, the subscribers, being chosen a committee at a meeting of the admitted settlers to bring forward the settlement of the town of Penny Cook, begun and held at the house of John Griffin, inn-holder, in Bradford, the sixth day of March, Anno Domini 1727, and from thence continued by adjournment to Wednesday, the fifteenth day of May, then following, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and held at the block house at Penny Cook, this twenty-third day of July, A. D. 1730, have, according to the best of our skill or knowledge for the good of the town and the conveniency of the mills,—that is to say, the saw mill and grist mill, or for the builder thereof, have laid out the hundred acres of land, fifty at or for each mill, according to the vote passed at the aforesaid meeting, in two parts or parcels,—the first bounded as follows, viz.: beginning at a poplar, which is Chandler's and Stevens' bounds at the head of the intervals, and running southeasterly about sixty-five poles, to a stake between Eastman and Coggen; thence northeasterly, upon the head of the interval to a white oak, called Chandler's bounds; thence northeast and by north, about one hundred poles, to a stake; thence northerly, about eighty-six poles, to a black oak marked; thence southwesterly, about one hundred and forty poles, to a pitch pine marked; thence southwesterly, thirty poles, to the poplar first mentioned. The second piece is as follows, viz.: beginning at a white oak marked, thence northwesterly, about eighty poles, to a black oak marked; thence southwesterly, about eighty poles, to a white oak marked, and from thence to the white oak first mentioned, allowing a highway four rods wide from the saw mill so down by the grist mill to the white oak, which is Ensign John Chandler's bounds of his addition lot; also, a highway from the corn mill northwesterly to the common land.

HENRY ROLFE,
EBENEZER EASTMAN,
JAMES MITCHELL.

A true copy of the original return, recorded and examined by

JOHN WAINWRIGHT, *C. Clerk*.

to the first minister. It was, however, expressly stipulated "*that if Mr. Walker by extream old age shall be disenabled from carrying on the whole work of the Ministry, that he shall abate so much of his salary as shall be rational.*"

The 18th of November was appointed as the day for ordination. The council invited and present, so far as known, were Rev. John Barnard, of North Andover, Rev. Samuel Phillips,

1730.

At a legal meeting of the settlers of Penny Cook by adjournment from October 14th, 1729, to March 31st, 1730, Henry Rolfe, Esqr., moderator. Mr. Justice Wainwright appointed clerk to said settlers, [by the Honorable Committee of the General Court,] being absent, Joshua Bayley was chosen clerk by a full vote for said day.

Voted, That Messrs. John Osgood, John Pecker, Ebenezer Eastman, John Chandler, William Barker, Joseph Hall and Nathan Simonds, be a committee to agree with the Rev. Mr. Timothy Walker, in order to his carrying on the work of the ministry in Penny Cook for the year ensuing, and to treat with the said Mr. Walker in order to his settlement in the work of the ministry in said place, and to make report to the next meeting.

Voted, That Mr. John Merrill be added to Messrs. Timothy Johnson and Nathan Simonds, in order to a speedy repairing the present meeting-house at Penny Cook, at the settlers' cost.

Voted, That Messrs. John Chandler, Ebenezer Eastman and Ebenezer Virgin be a committee to amend and repair the way between the twenty mile tree and Penny Cook in what is necessary, not exceeding thirty pounds, at the settlers' cost.

Voted, That Messrs. John Pecker, Ebenezer Stevens and Abraham Bradley be a committee to amend and repair the necessary roads in Penny Cook, according to their discretion, for the year ensuing, at the settlers' cost, and also to build a good bridge over Sow Cook river, as soon as may be, at the cost of the settlers also.

Voted, That Henry Rolfe, Esqr., Mr. John Pecker and Mr. John Chandler be a committee to lay out a suitable place for a burying-place in the township of Penny Cook; and if the said burying-place should happen to be on any man's lot, and the owner willing for the same, that the said committee are hereby empowered to lay out an equivalent in undivided lands in some other place, to his satisfaction.

Voted, That Messrs. Ebenezer Eastman, John Pecker, John Chandler, Ebenezer Stevens and William Barker be a committee to take effectual care that the General Fence at Penny Cook be made up according to law by the 20th of April next, and that the proportion of fence be ordered to each proprietor that was appointed the last year, and the delinquents shall pay ten shillings per day for each day's work that shall be done by the appointment of the above-said committee.

Voted, That Messrs. John Pecker, Ebenezer Stevens and Abraham Bradley be

of South Andover, and Rev. John Brown, of Haverhill, Massachusetts. A church, consisting of eight members, including Rev. Mr. Walker, was organized on the same occasion. The expenses "for providing for the ordination," which were afterward allowed and paid, "amounted to thirty-one pounds, ten shillings." The next week after ordination Mr. Walker went to Woburn for his wife, and she came to Penacook on horse-back, accompanied by four or five other women, wives of settlers.

During the year 1730 measures were taken for fencing the great interval; John Pecker, Ebenezer Stevens and Abraham Bradley appointed highway surveyors—"to mend and repair the necessary roads according to their discretion, and also to build a good bridge over Soucook river." Henry Rolfe, Esq., John Pecker and John Chandler were appointed "to lay out a

a committee to build a suitable pound in the township of Penny Cook, at the town's cost.

Voted, That David Barker and Jacob Shute be field drivers for the year ensuing.

Voted, That Henry Rolfe, Esq., and Mr. John Pecker, be a committee to apply themselves to the General Court, at a suitable time, for the end appointed the last year.

Voted, That John Merrill shall have the ferry at Penny Cook, and that said Merrill shall have twenty acres of land near the ferry of said town—said Merrill being to allow an equivalent in lands in some of his first division now to come. The said Merrill shall have four pence for a horse, two pence for a man, four pence for a beast; that in twenty years the said Merrill is to carry the inhabitants of Penny Cook, at Penny Cook, at one penny per man and three pence per horse, and other beasts at three pence per head—the said ferry to be kept by the tenth day of April next, with a good boat and constant attendance, and to be regulated by such laws as the ferries are subject to; the said Merrill to have said ferry and lands forever, provided said Merrill fulfills each article above mentioned; otherwise, said Merrill being to forfeit all the privileges that arise to him with the ferry.

Voted, That the said committee, under oath, shall be empowered to lay out the above-said twenty acres to said Merrill.

Voted, That one hundred pounds be raised to defray the above-said charges.

Voted, That one hundred pounds be raised for the use of the minister.

Voted, That the sum of three pounds be paid to Mr. John Sanders, in part of pay for his service as one of the General Court's Committee for the settlement of Penny Cook.

The present meeting was adjourned to the second Tuesday in September, at ten of the clock in the morning, at the house of Mr. John Griffin, in Bradford.

JOSHUA BAYLEY, *Clerk*.

A true copy.

Examined by

JOHN WAINWRIGHT, *C. Clerk*.

burying-place." In pursuance of which it is understood that the "Old Burying Ground," as it is called, west of the Biblical Institute, was laid out for that purpose.

John Merrill was agreed with to keep a ferry across Merrimack river; to "have four pence for a horse, two pence for a man, and four pence for a beast," for the first twenty years — after that, to carry the inhabitants of Penacook "at one penny a man, three pence for a horse, and other beasts at three pence

At a meeting of the General Court's Committee for bringing forward the township of Penny Cook, the 23d of September, 1730 —

Ordered, That the proprietors or grantees of said town be and hereby are notified and warned to assemble at the meeting-house there, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of October next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to choose a minister for and settling him in the said town; and upon his acceptance of the choice, to agree upon a time for his ordination; and each proprietor is hereby more especially notified to prepare the sum of five pounds, ordered by the General Court in the grant of the township, and that they do respectively pay the same to the said committee, who have agreed to assemble and meet for receiving the same, at the house of Mr. Stedman's, taverner, in Cambridge, on Wednesday, the twenty-first of said month, at ten o'clock before noon, as they will avoid the trouble and charge of having their bonds put in suit at the next court; and the said proprietors are also directed and required, at the said meeting to be held the 14th of October, to pay the whole arrearages of the sum granted by and levied upon them for defraying the necessary charges of said town; and to consider of and do any other business that may be thought proper for the more speedy settlement of the town.

WM. TAILER,
SPENCER PHIPPS,
WM. DUDLEY,
JOHN WAINWRIGHT,
JOHN SANDERS.

(Copy.)

At a legal meeting of the admitted settlers or grantees of Penny Cook, convened the 14th of October, 1730, at the meeting-house in said township —

Voted, That Ensign John Chandler shall be moderator for the present meeting.

Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe shall be clerk for said meeting.

Voted, By the admitted settlers, that they will have a minister.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Timothy Walker shall be the minister of the town.

Voted, That Deacon John Osgood, Mr. John Pecker, Ensign John Chandler, Lieut. Timothy Johnson, Mr. Ebenezer Eastman, Mr. William Barker and Mr. Ebenezer Stevens, be a committee to agree with the Rev. Mr. Timothy Walker upon terms for being our minister.

Voted, That Mr. Timothy Walker shall have one hundred pounds for the year

per head." In consideration of this service, he was allowed "twenty acres of land near the ferry," and, in case he fulfilled all the articles of agreement, was "to have said ferry and land forever." This ferry crossed the river south-east of the lower end of Main street—the road running down the hill to the crossing east of the present road. The old track is still visible. Mr. Merrill's twenty acres of land were laid out on the hill-side west of the crossing, and his house was built at the point where

ensuing, and then rise forty shillings per annum till it comes to one hundred and twenty pounds, and that to be the stated sum annually for his salary.

Voted, That the aforesaid sums relating to the salary shall be paid in whatever shall be the medium of trade for the time being in this province at silver, seventeen shillings per ounce.

Voted, That the one hundred pounds formerly voted for the minister, to enable him to build a house, shall be paid in eighteen months time from the date hereof, —provided, and it is to be hereby understood, any thing to the contrary above mentioned notwithstanding, that if Mr. Walker, by extreme old age, shall be disenabled from carrying on the whole work of the ministry, that he shall abate so much of his salary as shall be rational.

Voted, That Deacon John Osgood, Mr. John Pecker, Mr. Benjamin Nicolls and Mr. Ebenezer Eastman be a committee to discourse with Mr. Walker about the time of his ordination, and to appoint the day ; and that the said committee send to such churches as they think proper, to desire them to send their ministers and messengers to assist in ordaining Mr. Walker ; and the said committee is to appoint suitable entertainment for them whilst here.

Voted, That Mr. Cutting Noyes shall have fifty acres of land in the township of Penny Cook ; ten of which shall be laid out against Mr. Pecker's lot, to be sixteen rods front, and to extend back from the highway till the ten acres be accomplished, and the other forty acres to be laid out in some of the after divisions, provided the said Noyes shall do the blacksmith's work for the town for ten years from the date hereof.

Voted, That there be two men chosen to go to the General Court's Committee, to Cambridge, on the twenty-first of this instant October, to pray their forbearance with the proprietors relating to the five pounds due from each of the proprietors to the province ; and that Mr. Pecker and Ensign Chandler be the committee.

Voted, That Ensign Chandler and Mr. Nicolls be a committee to make up accounts with Mr. Sanders, as he is one of the General Court's Committee, and to give an order to the treasurer to pay what is due to him for his service.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the tenth of November next, at four of the clock in the afternoon, at the meeting-house in Penny Cook.

Attest : BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk*.

JOHN CHANDLER, *Moderator*.

A true copy.

Examined by JOHN WAINWRIGHT, *C. Clerk*.

the roads now part, at the lower end of Main street, and where the original well still exists, with good water in it.

Fifty acres of land were voted to be given to Mr. Cutting Noyes, "provided he shall do the *blacksmith's work* of the town for ten years."

1731.

At this period it appears that John Wainwright, Esq., clerk of the committee of the Great and General Court, resigned his office — the last record in his hand being the answer of Rev. Mr. Walker to his call for settlement. *Benjamin Rolfe*, Esq., then a young man, and a graduate of Harvard College, was chosen "clerk for the settlers and grantees of Penny Cook."

PENNY COOK, October 14th, 1730.

To the Admitted Settlers or Grantees of Penny Cook :

Whereas, formerly, by a committee you have invited me to settle in the ministry in the said township, upon which invitation I have advised with learned, pious and judicious divines in the ministry, who have jointly advised me to take up with your invitation, provided you vote a sufficient maintenance for me, and you having this day renewed your invitation to me, and done what satisfies me upon the account of salary : — I, therefore, being deeply sensible of the importance of the charge, and my own insufficiency to discharge the duty of the same, do accept your call, humbly relying upon the all-sufficient grace of God, which alone can enable me suitably to discharge the same, — earnestly desiring your prayers, as well as of all other of God's people, that such plentiful measures of His grace may be afforded to me as may enable me to discharge the duties of so sacred a function to His acceptance and to your edification, — so that both you and I may rejoice together in the day of our Lord Jesus.

TIMOTHY WALKER.

Concordat cum originali.

JOHN WAINWRIGHT, *C. Clerk.*

1731.

Agreeable to notification given, at a legal meeting of the settlers and grantees of Penny Cook, on Monday, the 29th day of March, 1731 : Henry Rolfe, Esqr., being appointed moderator by the General Court, Benjamin Rolfe was chosen clerk. For assessors were chosen Mr. Nathaniel Abbott, Mr. Jeremiah Stickney and Mr. John Chandler, jr. Mr. Stephen Farrington was chosen collector of the rates and taxes levied on the settlers of Penny Cook.

Mr. Samuel Kimball and Mr. Christopher Carlton were chosen collectors of the rates and taxes that shall be levied on the grantees of Penny Cook that are non-residents.

The conditions of the original grant of the plantation having been complied with, the proprietors were now anxious to have all the rights and privileges of a town. For this they petitioned the General Court: in answer to which the following order was passed:

Order of the General Court for a Meeting of the Settlers and Grantees of Penacook, 1731, March 29th

At a Great and General Court or Assembly for His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England, begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday, the tenth of February, 1730 — being Convened by His Majesty's Writs —

Saturday, March 6th, 1730.

A Petition of the Proprietors of Pennicook, Setting forth that they have paid into the Hands of the Committee of the General Court the Consideration money for their Lots there; that they have been at very great Charge for building a Meeting House and settling a Minister, making Highways, &c., and that they are like to meet with difficulty in gathering the money they have thus laid out; And therefore praying that they may be made a Township, and have the Priviledges of other Towns within this Province; and that the Court would order that One hundred Pounds, or more, of the money they have paid in as aforesaid may be reimbursed them for the Extraordinary Charges they have been at.

Mr. Joseph Eastman was chosen constable.

For fence-viewers, were chosen Deacon John Merrill, Mr. Ephraim Farnum and Mr. David Barker.

Voted, That the hogs may go at large.

For hogreves were chosen Ebenezer Virgin and Edward Abbott.

Voted, That Abraham Bradley, Mr. Ebenezer Eastman and William Barker, jr., be a committee to mend the highways in Penny Cook at the grantees' cost.

Voted, That Ensign Chandler, Henry Rolfe, Esq., and Mr. Ebenezer Eastman, be a committee to lay out another division of land, and to exchange some pieces of land belonging to the grantees with some of the proprietors, where it may be for the community's advantage, and also to measure and proportion the fence of the general field to each of the proprietors in the said field.

For field drivers, were chosen Nathaniel Abbott and Ezekiel Walker.

Voted, That the above-mentioned assessors be a committee to build a pound in Penny Cook at the cost of the community.

Voted, That the fence be made up round the general field by the fifteenth of April next, and all creatures kept out of it after the said day.

Voted, That the general field be broken the fifteenth of October next.

Voted, That Nathaniel Abbott be pound-keeper.

Voted, That two hundred pounds be raised by the grantees for the payment of the minister, and defraying other necessary charges of the town.

In Council—Read and Ordered that this Petition be refer'd to the Session of this Court in May next, and that in the mean time Henry Rolfe, Esq^r, give Sufficient Warning, by notifications at Pennycook and Elsewhere, to the Inhabitants and Grantees of the said Tract of Land, to Assemble at their Meeting House on the Last Monday [being the twenty-ninth] of this Instant March, by ten of the Clock in the forenoon; then and there to chuse a Clerk to enter all their Votes, Elections, Orders and Rules by the Inhabitants made; to chuse Assessors and Collectors of all such Ministerial Rates and Taxes granted and agreed on by the Settlers and Grantees, and any other Rates and Taxes that may be thought necessary for the well being of that Plantation; who are impowred hereby there unto;—all the rates and taxes to be Levied Equally on all the Lotts, Except the Ministry and School Lots, and paid into the hands of the Assessors; by them to be disposed of for Defraying the Ministerial and other Charges of the Plantation, as the Settlers shall agree; to chuse a Constable, Fence Viewers and Hogreves—all to be sworn to their respective Offices by the said Henry Rolfe, hereby appointed Moderator of the said Meeting; that the said Henry Rolfe take an Exact Account of what is done in each Lot in fencing, building and Improving, and lay the same before this Court at the next May Session.* That the Committee for the Settlement of this Plantation be fully Impowred to Grant a new any Lots the Grantees whereof have not

Voted, That the before-mentioned assessors be a committee to clear the minister's and ministry's six acre lot, at the charge of the community.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to four o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, the 31st of this instant March, to the meeting-house in Penny Cook.

Attest: BENJA. ROLFE, Clerk.

A true copy.

Examined by

BENJAMIN ROLFE, Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the settlers and grantees of Penny Cook by adjournment, on Wednesday, the 31st of March, 1731 — Henry Rolfe, Esq., moderator,

Voted, That ten pounds be levied on the grantees for to be laid out for the instructing of the children in reading, &c.

Voted, That the school shall be kept in two of the most convenient parts of the township.

Voted, That Mr. Ebenezer Eastman and Mr. Timothy Clement be a committee to lease out the six acre lot belonging to the school to David Barker for the term of four years from the date hereof.

Voted, That Mr. Timothy Clement be surveyor for the grantees.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the thirteenth day of May next, to ten of the clock in the forenoon, and it was adjourned accordingly by the moderator.

Attest: BENJAMIN ROLFE, Clerk.

A true copy.

Examined by

BENJAMIN ROLFE, Clerk.

* See Addenda to this Chapter — "State of Plantation," &c.

complied, nor shall comply by the first of June next, with the Terms of their Grants and the Orders of this Court, to such other persons as shall speedily and effectually fulfil the Conditions of their respective Grants; and that the said Henry Rolfe do notify all the Settlers and Grantees of this Order for Impowering the Committee, and that the said Plantation be and hereby is declared to lye in the County of Essex.

In the House of Representatives—Read and Concurred, with the Amendment.

In Council—Read and Concurred.

Consented to —

J. BELCHER.

A true Copy as of Record —

A. OLIVER, *Sec'y.*

In pursuance of the foregoing order a “Legal Meeting” of the proprietors was held on the 29th of March, 1731, at which Henry Rolfe, Esq., acted as moderator, by appointment of the General Court, and, as the record shows, all necessary officers appointed. At this meeting the names of Mr. *Jeremiah Stickney* and Mr. *Stephen Farrington* appear in the proprietors’ records —

At a legal meeting of the settlers and grantees of Penny Cook, by adjournment, on Thursday, the 13th day of May, 1731 — Henry Rolfe, Esq., being appointed moderator by the General Court —

Voted, That there be a committee chosen to examine and adjust the accounts with the treasurer and collectors, and all other persons that have any accounts with or against the settlers of Penny Cook.

Voted, That Henry Rolfe, Esq., Ensign Chandler and Mr. Jeremiah Stickney be the committee to examine and adjust the accounts with the persons aforesaid.

Voted, That the committee for examining and adjusting the accounts, when they have examined and adjusted them, shall give order to the treasurer for the payment of what is due to the several persons with whom they account.

Voted, That the account which the committee allowed Mr. Eastman for providing for the ordination, be accepted, and that the sum of thirty-one pounds, ten shillings, be paid to the said Ebenezer Eastman by the treasurer, in discharge of the said account.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the twenty-first day of October next, at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Attest : BENJA. ROLFE, *Clerk.*

A true copy.

Examined by

BENJA. ROLFE, *Clerk.*

At a legal meeting of the settlers and grantees of Penny Cook, by adjournment, on Thursday, the twenty-first day of October, 1731 — Henry Rolfe, Esq., being appointed moderator by the General Court —

Voted, That the four pounds which John Wainwright, Esq., and Mr. John Sanders gave order to the treasurer of Penny Cook to pay to Mr. Ebenezer Eastman for their expenses, be accepted and paid by the treasurer.

the former as one of the assessors, and the latter as "collector of the rates and taxes levied on the settlers at Penny Cook." Both were then young and enterprising men, and became useful and distinguished in the community.

At an adjourned meeting, the 31st of March, the proprietors took the first step toward establishing a *School*: "Voted that ten pounds be levied on the grantees, for to be laid out for the instructing of the children in reading," &c., and "that the school shall be kept in two of the most convenient parts of the township." Thus commenced our system of free schools, which has been sustained till the present time.

Henry Rolfe, Esq., continued moderator of the proprietors' meetings — held by adjournment — till October, 1731.

1732.

Upon application to *Richard Kent*, Esq., of Newbury, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Essex,

Voted, That two hundred pounds be raised by the settlers and grantees, for defraying their necessary charges.

Voted, That there be a committee chosen to settle the bounds of the farm commonly called Sewall's farm.

Voted, That Ensign Chandler, Deacon Osgood, Mr. Nathaniel Abbott, Mr. Jeremiah Stickney and Deacon Farnum be the committee for settling the bounds of the farm aforesaid.


Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the twenty-fourth day of November next, at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Attest : BENJA. ROLFE, *Clerk*.

A true copy.

Examined by BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk*.

1732.

 ESSEX ss. To Mr. NATHANIEL ABBOTT, of Penny Cook, in the County of Essex, yeoman :

Whereas application has been made to me, the subscriber, one of His Majesty's justices of the peace for the county aforesaid, by Jeremiah Stickney, Edward Abbott, George Abbott, Nathaniel Abbott and Stephen Farrington, five of the proprietors of Penny Cook, for a warrant for calling a meeting of the proprietors of said Penny Cook, for to choose a clerk for said proprietors ; to choose a committee to examine and adjust the account or accounts which any person or persons hath or have against said proprietors, and to give order for the paying of the same ; to choose an attorney or attorneys to prosecute any trespasses that shall be committed on the common or undivided lands belonging to said proprietors, by any person or persons that is or are not a proprie-

Nathaniel Abbot was authorized to call a meeting of the proprietors, to be held at the meeting-house, in Pennycook, September 14, 1732—at which meeting it was voted, “That, at

tor or proprietors of the same; to agree upon and order one or more division or divisions of land, and to choose a committee to make the same, and also to agree upon and appoint some ways or method of calling or summoning meetings of said proprietors for the future:

These are therefore to require you, in His Majesty's name, to notify the proprietors aforesaid, as the law directs, to assemble and meet at the meeting-house in Penny Cook aforesaid, on the fourteenth day of September next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to choose a clerk, and to pass such votes and orders concerning the premises as they shall think fit.

Dated at Newbury, the tenth day of August, 1732.

RICHARD KENT, *Justice of the Peace.*

A true copy.

Examined by

BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk.*

ESSEX ss. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the proprietors of the within meeting, setting a notification of said meeting at the meeting-house door, in Penny Cook, as the law directs.

Penny Cook, September 14, 1732.

NATHANIEL ABBOTT.

A true copy.

Examined by

BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk.*

Upon due notification as above mentioned, at a legal meeting of the proprietors of Penny Cook on the fourteenth day of September, 1732, Mr. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen moderator; Benjamin Rolfe was chosen clerk for the aforesaid proprietors:

Voted, That Mr. Nathaniel Abbott, Mr. Jeremiah Stickney and Mr. John Chandler be a committee to examine and adjust the accounts which any person hath with or against the proprietors, and to give order for the paying of the same.

Voted, That Mr. Ebenezer Eastman, Mr. Abraham Bradley and Mr. Timothy Clement be attorneys for the proprietors of Penny Cook, to prosecute any trespasses that shall be committed on the common land belonging to said proprietors by any person or persons that is or are not a proprietor or proprietors of the same.

Voted, That at the request of ten of the proprietors, in writing under their hands, the clerk of said proprietors shall warn a meeting of the proprietors by giving fourteen days' warning of the meeting and the cause thereof.

Voted, That Mr. Ebenezer Eastman, Mr. John Chandler, Mr. Edward Abbott, Mr. Jeremiah Stickney, Mr. Timothy Clement and Benjamin Rolfe, be a committee to lay out a first division of upland to each grantee of Penny Cook, consisting of twenty acres in quantity and quality, in one or more pieces, as it shall be thought to be most convenient by the committee, and to make return of their doings thereon to the proprietors at or before the first Tuesday of January next.

the request of ten of the proprietors in writing, under their hands," meetings should thereafter be warned by the clerk, "by giving fourteen days' notice, and of the cause thereof."

Voted, That the aforesaid committee for the laying out of the division of land above mentioned, shall leave land for convenient highways to the land they shall lay out.

Attest : BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk*.

A true copy.

Examined by BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk*.

To BENJAMIN ROLFE, Proprietors' Clerk for Penny Cook :

We, the subscribers, proprietors of Penny Cook, desire you would warn a meeting of said proprietors, on the third day of October next, at three of the clock in the afternoon, for to consider of what is proper to be done concerning building a mill, and to agree with some man or men to do the same, by granting of him or them such privileges in land, or streams, or money, as shall be thought convenient ; or by agreeing with him or them in any other way that shall be thought best for the proprietors, and also to raise one hundred pounds for the support of the Rev. Mr. Timothy Walker, and to do any other business that shall be proper at said meeting.

Penny Cook, September the 18th, 1732.

NATHANIEL ABBOTT,

EDWARD ABBOTT,

JOSEPH EASTMAN,

ABNER HOYT,

EPHRAIM FARNUM,

RICHARD URANN,

JEREMIAH STICKNEY,

GEORGE ABBOTT,

JOHN CHANDLER,

WILLIAM BARKER.

A true copy.

Examined by BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk*.

The notifications, being contained in the warrant, are omitted.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of Penny Cook on the tenth day of October, 1732, by adjournment — Mr. Jeremiah Stickney, moderator —

Voted, That Henry Rolfe, Esq., Deacon John Merrill, Mr. Joseph Eastman, Mr. Abraham Bradley, Mr. Edward Abbott, Mr. John Chandler and Mr. Jeremiah Stickney, be a committee to view any place that shall be proper for building of a mill, and to see upon what terms any man will build the same, and to make report of their doings at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, That one hundred pounds be raised for the support of the Rev. Mr. Timothy Walker.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the nineteenth day of October current, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Attest : BENJA. ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk*.

A true copy.

Examined by BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk*.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of Penny Cook, by adjournment, on the nineteenth day of October, 1732 — Mr. Jeremiah Stickney being moderator —

Voted, That any person that is agreeable, and shall be accepted of by the pro-

This year a division of twenty acres of upland was ordered to be made to each grantee, and arrangements made for building a

proprietors of Penny Cook, that will build a grist mill on Turkey river, in Penny Cook, for the use of the proprietors, shall have one hundred acres of land convenient to the mill, and the benefit of the whole stream of said Turkey river from the place where the mill shall be built to the great pond on Turkey river, to him, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for ever, and liberty of flowing any swamp that is adjoining to said stream during the term of twenty years, and after the term of twenty years the owner of said stream shall conform himself to the province laws relating to mills, and the damages occasioned thereby, and also forty pounds in money or forty pounds' worth of work, when the builder of said mill shall call for it.

Voted, That Mr. Timothy Clement, Mr. Joseph Eastman, Mr. Jeremiah Stickney, Mr. Edward Abbott, Deacon John Merrill, Mr. Abraham Bradley and Mr. Ebenezer Virgin be a committee to approve of a person to build the mills before mentioned, and to agree with said person upon proper terms for the well-regulating said mill for the benefit of the proprietors.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the second day of November next, at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Attest : BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk*.

A true copy.

Examined by BENJA. ROLFE, *Clerk*.

To BENJAMIN ROLFE, Clerk for the Proprietors of Penny Cook :

We, the subscribers, proprietors of Penny Cook, desire you would warn a meeting of said proprietors on the second day of November next, at three of the clock in the afternoon, for to agree upon and order another division or divisions of land, and to choose a committee to make amendments to the interval lots in interval land, or in other land, and to do any other thing that the committee which was appointed by the General Court's Committee was to do, if the committee appointed by the General Court's Committee do not come up and proceed upon the business before the first day of November next, and also to choose a committee to see if Mr. Nathan Simonds hath complied with his obligations to said proprietors in building of a grist mill and saw mill, and in keeping of them in repair, and to prosecute said Simonds if he hath not complied with his bargain, and to choose a committee to exchange the house-lot belonging to the school right for such land as may be thought best.

Dated at Penny Cook, the 19th of October, 1732.

HENRY ROLFE,
TIMOTHY CLEMENT,
JOHN MERRILL,
JEREMIAH STICKNEY,
EDWARD ABBOTT,

ABRAHAM BRADLEY,
JOSEPH EASTMAN,
GEORGE ABBOTT,
JOHN CHANDLER,
ISAAC WALKER.

A true copy.

Examined by BENJA. ROLFE, *Clerk*.

[Agreeably to a notification, a legal meeting of the proprietors of Penny Cook was held at the meeting-house, Nov. 2, 1732.]

Mr. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen moderator.

grist-mill and saw-mill on *Turkey river*, on very liberal conditions. The conditions were taken up by *Henry Lovejoy* and

Voted, That Mr. Abraham Bradley, Mr. Ebenezer Eastman, Mr. Timothy Clement, Mr. Joseph Eastman and Mr. Ebenezer Virgin be a committee to make amendments to the interval lots in interval land or other land, and to do any other business which the committee which was appointed by the General Court's Committee was to do.

Voted, That Capt. John Chandler, of Andover, Mr. Ebenezer Virgin, and Mr. Jeremiah Stickney, be a committee to see if Mr. Nathan Simonds have complied with his obligations to said proprietors, in building of a grist mill and saw mill, and in keeping of them in repair ; and to prosecute said Simonds if he hath not complied with his bargain.

Attest : BENJA. ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk*.

A true copy. Examined by BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk*.

[Upon the request of proprietors, and agreeably to a notification, a legal meeting of the proprietors was held at the meeting-house, 7th Dec., 1732.]

Voted, That Deacon Ephraim Farnum be moderator of the present meeting.

Voted, That any person or persons that is agreeable, and shall be accepted of by the proprietors, that will build a grist mill and saw mill on Turkey river, in Penny Cook, for the use of the proprietors of said Penny Cook, shall have the whole stream of said Turkey river in Penny Cook and forty acres of land adjoining to the mills, and one hundred acres of land that shall be accounted good land, in the judgment of a committee that shall lay out the same, which land shall be within a mile or two of the mills, and forty pounds in money, or forty pounds' worth of work, when the builder of said mill shall call for it.

Voted, That Mr. Timothy Clement, Mr. Joseph Eastman, Mr. Jeremiah Stickney, Mr. Edward Abbott, Deacon John Merrill, Mr. Abraham Bradley and Mr. Ebenezer Virgin, be a committee to agree with a man or men to build the mills before mentioned, and to agree with said man or men upon proper terms for the well-regulating said mills for the benefit of the proprietors.

Attest : BENJA. ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk*.

A true copy. Examined by BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk*.

1733.

[Upon the request of proprietors, a meeting was notified as follows :]

By virtue of an order from under the hands of ten of the proprietors of Penny Cook, these are to notify the proprietors of Penny Cook to assemble and meet at the meeting-house in Penny Cook, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of March current, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to approve of the men which the committee have agreed with to build the mills ; also, to make such additions to the grants which are already made for encouragement to any person or persons that shall build the mills in lands or streams or ponds for mills, or for making such satisfaction to said persons that build said mills for the improvement which said person or persons shall make on the forty acres

Barachias Farnum, and the mills in due time were built at what is now called Millville, at the lower falls — at present owned by Dr. George C. Shattuck, of Boston.

granted them, as the proprietors shall think fit, in case said persons shall ever forfeit said forty acres to the proprietors, or to act or transact any thing that shall be thought proper by the proprietors for the encouragement of building mills in Penny Cook ; also, to choose a committee to lay out such lands as shall be granted to said persons for building mills ; also, to consider what shall be proper to be done with the meadow belonging to said proprietors that is now common, and to pass such votes concerning it as the proprietors shall think fit ; also, to give the committee which was chosen to lay out a twenty acre division, a longer time to do it in ; also, to dispose of the addition which is laid out to the school lot for the year ensuing, as it shall be thought best by the proprietors.

Dated at Penny Cook, the tenth day of March, 1732/3.

BENJA. ROLFE, *Clerk for the Proprietors of Penny Cook.*

A true copy.

Examined by

BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk.*

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of Penny Cook, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of March, 1733, Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen moderator of this present meeting.

Voted, That Mr. Henry Lovejoy and Mr. Barachias Farnum be accepted and approved of for building of mills on Turkey river, in Penny Cook.

Voted, That in case the above-said Henry Lovejoy and Barachias Farnum, or their heirs or assigns, shall ever forfeit the mills above-mentioned unto the proprietors, the proprietors shall pay the said Lovejoy and Farnum, or their heirs and assigns, the value of the one half of the iron work and stones of the said mills, as they shall be valued when the mills shall be forfeited.

Voted, That the aforesaid Lovejoy and Farnum, and their heirs and assigns, shall have liberty to flow as much swamp as they can for a mill pond, [so long as they keep the before-mentioned mills in good repair,] betwixt the first and second falls below the lowest pond on Turkey river in Penny Cook.

Voted, That Mr. John Chandler, Dea. John Merrill, Mr. Edward Abbott, Ensign Jeremiah Stickney, and Mr. Timothy Clement, be a committee to lay out the hundred acres and the forty acres of land which is voted as encouragement to build mills in Penny Cook, as soon as they can with conveniency, and make return of their doings at the next meeting after the land is laid out.

Voted, That the before-mentioned Lovejoy and Farnum shall not be obliged to tend the grist-mill on any days in the week except Mondays and Fridays, (provided they grind all the grain that shall be brought to the mills on said days,) during the term of ten years from the date hereof.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Timothy Walker shall have the improvement of the addition to the school lot for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the committee which was chosen to lay out a twenty acre division shall have a longer time to do it in, viz.: till the first day of December next.

Voted, That Lieut. John Chandler, Mr. Abraham Bradley and Ensign Jere-

Committees were also chosen to settle the bounds of Sewall's farm, and to lay out "emendation lots," in interval or other lands, and "to see whether Nathan Simonds hath built the mills

miah Stickney, shall be a committee to let out the common meadow belonging to the proprietors, (which shall not be laid out to particular persons,) to the highest bidder for the year ensuing.

Attest: BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk.*

A true copy.

Examined by BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk.*

1734.

[Upon the request of proprietors, a meeting was notified as follows:]

Notice is hereby given to the proprietors of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, to assemble and meet at the meeting-house in said Rumford, on Wednesday, the ninth day of June current, at one of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to order the proprietors' clerk to put the house lots and six acre lots belonging to said proprietors in said township upon record. Also, to receive the report of the committee which was chosen to lay out a twenty acre division; also, to receive the report of the committee which was chosen to make the emendation to the interval lots, and to order the land which is laid out by the said committees to be recorded; also, to choose a man or men to be with the clerk whilst he is recording said land; also, to choose a committee to make sale of some of the common land belonging to said proprietors, to pay the proprietors' debts, or else to raise money for the paying of said debts and defraying the necessary charges of the proprietors; also, to choose assessors, collector and treasurer for said proprietors; also, to make a grant of a tract of land to John Wainwright, Esq., his heirs, &c., for the services which said Wainwright hath done for said proprietors, (as he was one of the General Court's committee for bringing forward settlement here,) and for his being a clerk to said committee, and for his recording of some of the land which is laid out here; also, to choose a committee to lay out such land as shall be granted to said Wainwright, his heirs, &c.; also, to see if the proprietors will change the house lot laid out to the school right with Mr. Abraham Bradley for other land; also, to choose a man or men to prosecute any person or persons that shall commit any trespass or trespasses upon the common or undivided land within this township — saving and reserving a liberty to the proprietors for cutting fire-wood and timber for their own use within this town; also, to choose a committee to allow of proprietors' debts, and to give an order to the treasurer for the paying of the same; also, to choose a committee to lay out the land which was formerly granted to Mr. Cutting Noyes, for his encouragement to live and do the blacksmith work here.

Dated at Rumford, the third day of June, 1734.

By order of ten of said proprietors, in writing:

BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk for the Proprietors of Rumford.*

A true copy.

Examined by

BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk.*

on Mill brook according to bargain, and to prosecute in case of failure."

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, on the nineteenth day of June, 1734 —

Voted, That Capt. Ebenezer Eastman be moderator of the present meeting.

Voted, That the proprietors' clerk shall record the house lots and six acre lots belonging to the proprietors within this township.

Voted, That the land which is laid out by the committee which was chosen at a legal meeting of the proprietors of Penny Cook, on the fourteenth day of September, 1732, to make a first division of upland to each grantee of Penny Cook, consisting of twenty acres in quantity and quality, shall be accepted, and the proprietors' clerk is hereby ordered to record the same.

Voted, That the land which is laid out by the committee which was chose at a legal meeting of the proprietors of Penny Cook, on the second day of November, 1732, to make emendation to the interval lots, shall be accepted and recorded by the clerk; and that the said committee be further empowered to make the interval lots belonging originally to James Simonds, Jonathan Pulsifer and Stephen Osgood, equal in quantity and quality to any other lots belonging to any of the proprietors of Rumford.

Voted, That Lieut. John Chandler and Mr. Timothy Clement be a committee to be with the clerk whilst he is recording the land, and to see that he makes a fair record of the same.

Voted, That one hundred and fifty pounds be raised for paying the proprietors' debts, and defraying the necessary charges of the proprietors.

Voted, That Mr. James Osgood, Mr. Nathaniel Abbott and Deacon John Merrill, be assessors for the proprietors.

Voted, That Mr. Aaron Stevens be collector.

Voted, That Mr. Edward Abbott be treasurer for the proprietors.

Voted, That one hundred acres of land, within the township of Rumford, be granted by the proprietors of Rumford to John Wainwright, Esq., his heirs and assigns, in consideration of and in full for the services which said John Wainwright, Esq., hath done for said proprietors, as he was one of the General Court's Committee for bringing forward the settlement here, and for his being a clerk to said committee, and for recording the land which was laid out here and is already recorded.

Voted, That Mr. Nathaniel Abbott, Mr. David Kimball and Mr. Ebenezer Virgin, be a committee to lay out the hundred acres of land granted to John Wainwright, Esq., his heirs and assigns, and that the committee make return of the laying out said land to the proprietors.

Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe, Capt. Ebenezer Eastman and Mr. Abraham Bradley, or either of them, be attorneys or attorney for the proprietors of Rumford, to prosecute any person or persons that shall commit any trespass or trespasses on the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, saving and reserving a liberty to the proprietors for cutting fire-wood and timber for their own use within this township.

Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe, Richard Haseltine and Lieut. John Chandler, be

Still, however, the proprietors did not deem themselves in full possession of town rights and privileges. Hence, in December,

a committee to allow of proprietors' debts, and to give an order to the treasurer for the paying of the same.

Voted, That the committee that was chosen to lay out the land voted to Col. Wainwright, Esq., shall lay out forty acres of land to Mr. Cutting Noyes, for his living here as a blacksmith; the said committee to make return of their doings to the next proprietors' meeting for their acceptance.

Attest: BENJA. ROLFE, *Clerk*.

A true copy.

Examined by BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Clerk*.

To BENJAMIN ROLFE, Esq., *Clerk for the Proprietors of Rumford*:

We, the subscribers, proprietors of Rumford, desire you to warn a meeting of said proprietors on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 1734/5, at three of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to give Lieut. John Chandler liberty to build a saw mill on Rattle Snake brook, and liberty of a convenient yard for his logs and boards, and liberty to flow the great pond called Rattle Snake pond; the said Chandler to pay what damages he shall do to the proprietors by flowing the pond; the said Chandler to enjoy said privileges during the term of fifteen years from the date hereof; also, to accept of the return which the committee that was chosen to lay out one hundred and forty acres of land for the encouragement of building mills on Turkey river, in said Rumford, hath made, and to order the said land to be recorded by the clerk; also, to choose a committee to let out the common meadow belonging to said proprietors for such a term as the proprietors shall think proper.

Dated at Rumford, the 24th day of February, 1734.

EBENEZER EASTMAN,

EPHRAIM FARNUM,

RICHARD HASELTINE,

NATH'L ABBOTT,

GEORGE ABBOTT,

JEREMIAH STICKNEY,

JOHN CHANDLER,

JAMES OSGOOD,

EDWARD ABBOTT,

JEREMIAH BRADLEY.

A true copy. Examined by BENJA. ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk*.

Notification was given agreeably to this desire.

1735.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of Rumford on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 1734/5, Ensign Jeremiah Stickney was chosen moderator.

Voted, That John Chandler shall have liberty to build a saw mill on Rattle Snake brook, and liberty of a convenient yard for his logs and boards, and liberty to flow the great pond called Rattle Snake pond,—the said Chandler to pay what damages he shall do to the proprietors by flowing the pond; the said Chandler to enjoy said privileges during the term of fifteen years from the twenty-fourth day of February, 1734.

1732, Henry Rolfe, Esq., in behalf of the settlers, presented the following petition :

HENRY ROLFE'S PETITION AB^T PENNYCOOK, DECEM^B, 1732.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq., Captain General and Governor in Chief.—The Honorable Council and Representatives in General Court assembled.

The Humble Petition of Henry Rolfe on Behalf of the Setlers at Penny Cook—

HUMBLY SHEWETH, That your Excellency and Honours were Pleased the Last year to order the Inhabitants and Setlers at said

Voted, That the return which the committee that was chosen to lay out one hundred and forty acres of land for building of mills on Turkey river, shall be accepted and recorded by the clerk, which was as followeth, viz.:

We, the subscribers, being chosen a committee at a legal meeting of the proprietors and freeholders in the township called Penny Cook, also Rumford, on the 26th day of March, in the year 1733, to lay, for the encouragement of building of a grist mill and a saw mill, one hundred and forty acres of land, at or near the place where the said mills are to be set on the river called Turkey river, we have, by the desire of the owners of said mills — Mr. Barachias Farnum and Mr. Henry Lovejoy — laid out one hundred and forty acres in two pieces, and is bounded as follows, viz. : The first, containing forty acres, and begins at a white oak, marked, near the road that leads from the meeting-house to said mills ; thence southeasterly, about thirty-eight poles, to a stake and stones ; thence westerly, about one hundred and ten poles, to an elm, marked, by Turkey river ; thence by said river, about one hundred and eight poles, to a maple, marked ; thence southwesterly, about thirty poles, to a crotched white oak, marked ; thence northwesterly, about ninety poles, to a pitch-pine, marked ; thence westerly, about eight poles, to a crooked pitch-pine, marked, by the mill pond ; thence northwesterly, about thirty poles, across the mill pond, to a white oak ; thence north, about thirty-five poles, to a white oak marked ; thence northeasterly, about twenty-eight poles, to a white oak, marked F. L. ; thence easterly, about one hundred and ten poles, to the road and bounds first mentioned.

The second, containing one hundred acres, and is adjoining to the other forty, and bounded as follows, viz. : Beginning at a pitch-pine, marked F. L., by the road that leads from the meeting-house to the mill on Turkey river ; thence westerly, about forty-eight poles, to a white oak marked F. ; thence southwesterly, about twenty-seven poles, to a white oak, being a bound of the forty acres, and thence southeasterly, about thirty-eight poles, to a stake and stones ; thence westerly, about one hundred and ten poles, to an elm by Turkey river ; thence by the forty acres laid out to the mill before mentioned, about one hundred and eight poles, to a maple by said Turkey river, standing in a bend of said river ; thence crook, as the channel of said river runs — that being the bound of the southeasterly side of said hundred acres of land — about one hundred and thirty poles, to a large hemlock on the river's bank, marked F. L. ; thence southeast-

Penny Cook to Raise money for the necessary Charges within said Plantation; to Choose Officers for the Levying and Collecting the

erly, about nineteen poles, to a beach marked F. L.; thence northerly, about one hundred and seventy poles, to the bounds first mentioned.

Penny Cook, July the 9th, 1733.

TIMOTHY CLEMENT,
JEREMIAH STICKNEY,
JOHN MERRILL,
JOHN CHANDLER,
EDWARD ABBOTT,
Committee.

A true copy of the original return, recorded and examined by

BENJA. ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk.*

Voted, That Lieut. John Chandler, Mr. Nathaniel Abbott and Mr. James Os-good, shall be a committee to dispose of the common meadow within this township, for the year 1735, as they shall think most for the benefit of the proprietors.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of Rumford, regularly assembled at the meeting-house in Rumford, on the twenty-third of February, 1735,

Voted, That Capt. Ebenezer Eastman be moderator of this present meeting.

Voted, That the proprietors' clerk shall record the house or home lots belonging to the proprietors of Rumford, as they are numbered in the proprietors' book, unless some of the lots have been laid out anew since the first draft for the conveniency of building, and in such case the proprietors' clerk is ordered to record them as they were laid out last.

Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe, Esq., Lieut. John Chandler and Mr. Abraham Bradley, be a committee to measure the six acre lots of interval belonging to the proprietors of Rumford, and to erect new bounds where the old ones are removed or gone, and to take a new plan of said lots, with a north and south line upon each plan, and to take an exact and true account of the bounds of each lot, and to deliver the plan or plans so taken, with an account of the bounds, to the proprietors' clerk; and the proprietors' clerk is hereby desired, empowered and ordered to record said lands, agreeable to such plan or plans as shall be delivered to him by said committee, and also to enter a true copy of said plan or plans in said proprietors' book.

Voted, That Lieut. John Chandler shall be chosen and desired to assist the proprietors' clerk in recording the house-lots and interval six acre lots, and to see that the clerk makes a true record thereof.

Voted, That the return which the committee which was chosen to lay out one hundred acres of land for John Wainwright, Esq., hath made shall be accepted, and recorded by the proprietors' clerk, which is as follows, viz.:

Whereas at a legal meeting of the proprietors of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, on the nineteenth day of June, 1734:

We, the subscribers, were appointed a committee and empowered to lay out one hundred acres of land in said township of Rumford, for John Wainwright,

Same, and Did Invest them with Certain Powers, as per the order of January, 1731, herewith also Presented, may appear. But so it is,

Esq., his heirs and assigns, in consideration of and in full for the services which said John Wainwright, Esq., hath done for said proprietors, as he was one of the General Court's Committee for bringing forward the settlement here, and for his being a clerk to said committee, and for the recording of the land which was laid out here and is already recorded, as by vote of said proprietors may fully appear, have accordingly attended the service, and laid out said hundred acres of land, being bounded as followeth, viz.: Beginning at a pitch-pine marked W., standing by the road that leads from Rumford meeting-house to Contoocook; thence running northwesterly by said road, about one hundred poles, to a pitch-pine marked J. W.; thence southwesterly, about one hundred and sixty poles, to a pitch-pine marked J. W.; thence southeasterly, about one hundred poles, to a white oak marked W.; thence northeasterly, about one hundred and sixty poles, to the bounds first mentioned.

Rumford, February 20th, 1735.

NATHANIEL ABBOTT, }
EBENEZER VIRGIN, } *Committee.*

A true copy of the original return, recorded and examined by

BENJA. ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk.*

Voted, That the return which the committee which was chosen to lay out forty acres of land for Mr. Cutting Noyes, shall be accepted and recorded by the clerk, which is as follows, viz.:

We, the subscribers, being chosen a committee at a legal meeting held by the proprietors of the town of Rumford, on the 19th day of June, 1734, to lay out for Mr. Cutting Noyes forty acres of land in the township aforesaid,— we have laid the same on the east side of the river, adjoining to land now in the possession of David Barker, which is bounded as followeth, viz.: Beginning at a pitch-pine tree marked B.; thence southeasterly, by a highway, about sixty-eight poles, to a white oak marked B.; thence northeasterly, about one hundred and forty-five poles, to a white oak marked B.; thence northwest-and-by-north, about twenty-three poles, to a stake and stones,—it being the northeasterly bounds of said Barker's land; thence about one hundred and sixty poles, by said Barker's land, to the bounds first mentioned.

February the 10th, 1735/6.

NATHANIEL ABBOTT, }
EBENEZER VIRGIN, } *Committee.*

A true copy of the original return, recorded and examined by

BENJA. ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk.*

Voted, That any man that has any lot or lots of land in Rattle Snake Plain, or Water Nummons' field, or Sugar Ball, or the Middle Interval, or the Ferry Plain, that joins upon the mountains or hills, shall have leave to extend his lot or lots to the brow of the hill, or edge of the pine plain where the land now lies common or undivided; but in case there is any hollow or gully of land against their lots that runs back into any of the pine plains, then said lots are to extend as far back as the lots adjoining to said lots shall extend.

Dissented— Edward Abbott, Nathaniel Abbott and Ebenezer Virgin.

Voted, That the committee that was chosen to measure the six acre lots, shall

there being no Person ordered or Impowred to Call the first meeting of the Inhabitants to Do the acts in said order Directed to, whereby

take care and provide, at the proprietors' charge, a good surveyor to measure and plan said lots.

By desire of Ebenezer Eastman, John Chandler, George Abbott, Jeremiah Stickney, Edward Abbott, Nathaniel Abbott, Ephraim Farnum, James Abbott, Aaron Stevens and Joseph Eastman, a meeting, duly notified, was assembled.

1736.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of the common and undivided lands in the township of Rumford, regularly assembled at the meeting-house in said Rumford, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, Anno Domini 1736, Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen moderator of this present meeting.

Agreed and Voted, That a committee of three persons on oath — two whereof to be a quorum — be chosen to lay out a division of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, the said division of land to be as large as the committee shall think the good land will allow of, and to be laid out to each grantee or proprietor of said Rumford, in one or more pieces, as the committee shall think best, so that the said committee in their judgment shall make the lot or lots of land that shall be laid out to each grantee or proprietor of Rumford equal in quantity and quality, and the said committee to make return of their doings to said proprietors as soon as conveniently may be, for said proprietors' acceptance.

Agreed and Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe, Esq., Lieut. John Chandler and Capt. Ebenezer Eastman, be a committee chosen and empowered to lay out a division of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, the said division of land to be as large as the committee shall think the good land will allow of, and to be laid out to each grantee or proprietor of said Rumford, in one or more pieces, as the committee shall think best, so that the said committee, in their judgment, shall make the lot or lots of land that shall be laid out to each grantee or proprietor of Rumford, equal in quantity and quality, and the said committee to make return of their doings to said proprietors as soon as conveniently may be, for their acceptance.

Agreed and Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe, Esq., Lieut. John Chandler and Capt. Ebenezer Eastman, shall have ten shillings a day each for laying out the aforesaid division of land, provided said committee shall attend said business at all convenient seasons.

Voted, That Mr. Joseph Hall, Deacon John Merrill and Mr. Ebenezer Virgin, be a committee chosen and empowered to sell such pieces of the common and undivided land belonging to the proprietors of Rumford, as they shall think proper, to defray the charges of laying out and recording of land for said proprietors; the sale of said land not to be valid till allowed of by said proprietors.

Voted, That Benja. Rolfe, Esq., Ens. Jeremiah Stickney and Mr. James Osgood, be a committee to exchange some of the common and undivided land belonging to the proprietors of Rumford with Lieut. John Chandler, for his house or home lots, the said exchange not to be valid till allowed of by said proprietors.

Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe, Esq., Lieut. John Chandler and Capt. Ebenezer

they are under many hardships and Difficultys — Wherefore your Petitioners humbly Pray your Excellency and Honours will appoint and Impower some meet Person to Call the first meeting of the said Inhabitants for the Ends and Purposes aforesaid.

And, as in Duty Bound, Shall Ever Pray, &c.

HENRY ROLFE.

In Council, December 20th, 1732 —

Read and ordered that M^r. Benjamin Rolfe, one of the Principal

Eastman, be empowered to hire a surveyor and chainmen at the proprietors' cost, to lay out the aforesaid division of land.

1737.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, regularly assembled at the meeting-house in said Rumford, on Monday, the 19th day of September, 1737,

Voted, That Mr. Joseph Hall, Deacon John Merrill and Mr. Ebenezer Virgin, be authorized and empowered to give a deed or deeds of such pieces of land as they have sold or bargained to sell, unto Deacon Ephraim Farnum, Mr. Barachias Farnum, Timothy Bradley and Lieut. John Chandler, agreeable to a vote of said proprietors at a legal meeting of said proprietors, on the 14th day of March, Annoque Domini 1736, and to pay such sum or sums of money as they have or shall sell such pieces of land for, unto Mr. Edward Abbott, treasurer for said proprietors.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned unto Monday, the 17th day of October next, at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Attest : BENJA. ROLFE,
Proprietors' Clerk.

[This adjourned meeting does not appear to have been held.]

To BENJAMIN ROLFE, Esq., Clerk for the Proprietors of Rumford :

We, the subscribers, proprietors of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, desire and order you to warn a meeting of said proprietors, at the meeting-house in said Rumford, on Thursday, the second day of February next, at eight of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to accept of the return of the committee that was chosen at a legal meeting of said proprietors, [on Monday, the 14th day of March, Annoque Domini 1736,] to lay out a division of the common and undivided land belonging to said proprietors, and to order the same to be recorded, and to order the plans of said division of land to be put in the proprietors' book, and to choose a man or men to assist the proprietors' clerk in recording said division of land, and putting said plans into the proprietors' book, and to see that the clerk makes a true entry thereof, and also to accept of the sale of such pieces of land as the committee that was chosen at said meeting hath sold, and to order said committee to give deeds of such pieces of land as they have sold, or to order that such pieces of land as said committee hath sold shall be entered in the proprietors' book ; also to receive

Inhabitants of the Plantation of Pennycook, be and hereby is fully Impowred to assemble and Convene the Inhabitants of said Plantation to Choose Officers, and to Do other matters, in Pursuance of an

the report of the committee that was chosen at said meeting, to exchange some of the land belonging to said proprietors with Lieut. John Chandler, for his house or home lots, and to order said committee what to do further thereon.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid, the 18th day of January, 1737.

EBENEZER EASTMAN,	JEREMIAH STICKNEY,
TIMOTHY WALKER,	EPHRAIM FARNUM,
JAMES ABBOTT,	JOSEPH EASTMAN,
NATHANIEL ABBOTT,	DAVID KIMBALL,
EDWARD ABBOTT,	JAMES OSGOOD,
BARACHIAS FARNUM,	JOHN MERRILL,
BENJAMIN ROLFE,	DANIEL CHASE.
JOSEPH HALL,	

A true copy. Examined by BENJAMIN ROLFE, *Proprietors' Clerk.*

Notification being issued agreeably to this desire — At a meeting of the proprietors of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, regularly assembled at the meeting-house in said Rumford, on Thursday, the 2d day of February, 1737 —

Mr. Barachias Farnum was chosen moderator of this present meeting.

Agreed and Voted, That the return of the committee that was chosen at a legal meeting of said proprietors of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, on the 14th day of March, Annoque Domini 1736, to lay out a division of land for said proprietors, be accepted, which is as follows, viz. :

Whereas, at a legal meeting of the proprietors of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, regularly assembled at the meeting-house in said Rumford, on Monday, the 14th day of March, Annoque Domini 1736 —

We, the subscribers, were chosen a committee, and empowered to lay out a division of the common and undivided land in the township of Rumford, as by a vote of said proprietors may fully and at large appear, have accordingly attended to the service, between the said 14th day of March and the last day of December, Annoque Domini 1737, and laid out as followeth, viz. :

[First lot to 107.]

This division of land was made between the 14th day of March, Annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six, and the last day of December, Annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven, according to our best judgment, and agreeable to the vote of the proprietors.

By us : BENJAMIN ROLFE, } *Committee.*
JOHN CHANDLER, }

The foregoing report of the division of land being read and duly considered at a meeting of the proprietors, regularly assembled at the meeting-house in Rumford, on Thursday, the 2d day of February, Annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven, it was

order of this Court at their Session begun and held at Boston, the first Day of December, 1732, which officers, when Chosen, are to Stand until the anniversary Meeting in March next.

Sent down for Concurrence,

J. WILLARD, *Sec'ry.*

In the House of Representatives, Decem^{br} 20th, 1732.

Read and Concur'd,

J. QUINCY, *Spe^r.*

Dec^r 21, 1732. Consented to,

J. BELCHER.

Copy Examined per

J. WILLARD, *Sec'ry.*

Agreed and Voted, That the same be accepted and recorded by the proprietors' clerk.

Concordat cum originali.

Attest: BENJA. ROLFE, *Clerk for the Proprietors of Rumford.*

Voted, That the plans of the several lots of the afore-going division of land shall be entered in the proprietors' book by the clerk. [This was the 80 acres division. See original records.]

ADDENDA TO CHAPTER III.

No. 1.

EXPLANATION

OF THE FIRST SURVEY AND DIVISION OF HOUSE AND HOME LOTS ON THE WEST SIDE OF MERRIMACK RIVER.

This survey was made in May, 1726.

I. The house lots contained one acre and a half, more or less, and were laid off in the following ranges:

1. The first range, on the east side of Main street from Pond Hill, (Rev. Timothy Walker's — where Joseph B. Walker, Esq., now lives,) to the hill on the north side of the present Gas Works — numbering 37 lots. Nos. 6 and 35 in this range are vacant.

2. The second range, on the west side of Main street, from Pond Hill, and of the same extent, and parallel with the first range — numbering 34 lots. No. 30 in this range is vacant.

3. The third range was west of the Biblical Institute, extending from the road running west, (by Richard Bradley's, Esq.,) to Washington street — numbering 11 lots. In this range No. 39 is vacant, and was subsequently laid out for a burying-place. The road between the second and third range was ten rods wide.*

*The original width still appears at the north end of State street; but from the late James Buswell's, south, it is but three rods, as subsequently laid out. The space between the old Hopkinton road and Washington street not being improved as a road, was laid out to Joshua Bailey as a part of his twenty acre lot.

4. The "Island Range" lay along the high land on the west side of Horse-shoe Pond, and extended up to what is called Wood's Brook — numbering 9 lots.

NOTE. Besides the above, lots were laid out west of the north end of the third range, to Timothy Johnson, William Whitcher, Richard Coolidge and the School — which lots were bounded on the north by the road that formerly lead to Boscawen, and seem to have been in place of the *vacant* lots before mentioned. These lots are not *numbered* on the record.

II. The "Six Acre, or Home Lots," were laid out in the following order:

1. The "Eleven Lots," or Lowest Interval, comprised both house and home lots — "a highway four rods broad, saved and reserved through the aforesaid eleven lots."

2. "Wattanummon's Field" — still known by that name — contained ten lots. "A highway, two rods broad, saved and reserved on the southeasterly side of the first lot in this division, and also a highway, two rods broad, through the last mentioned ten lots."

3. "The Great Plain" comprised the whole interval on the west side of the river — lying east of Main street — from Wattanummon's Field to Frog Ponds, and numbered 72 lots, including the lot numbered 103.

N. B. The several highways through these lots are marked with sufficient distinctness on the accompanying Plan, by double lines. In addition, however, to the principal highways so marked, (1.) "A highway, two rods in breadth, is saved and reserved through the 20th, 21st and 22d lots." (2.) "A highway, three rods wide, through the easterly end of lots 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 103, as nigh to Merrimack river as may be with convenience;" and "a highway of two rods wide through the easterly end of the 36th, 37th and 38th lots." (3.) "A highway, two rods broad, saved and reserved through the 59th lot, where it is now used to go over Wattanummon's Bridge, so called."

4. Horse-shoe Island comprised ten lots.

THE NAMES OF PROPRIETORS

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED, WITH THE HOUSE AND HOME LOTS LAID OUT IN MAY, 1726, AND SEVERALLY DRAWN IN 1727.

[BY REFERENCE TO THE ACCOMPANYING PLAN, THE EXACT LOCATION OF EACH SETTLER MAY BE ASCERTAINED.]

Names, alphabetically arranged.	Number, Quantity and Range of House Lots.			Six-Acre, or Home Lots, and Range.		
	NO.	QUAN.	RANGE.	NO.	QUAN.	RANGE.
Abbot, Nathaniel	12	1 1/2	Second Range.	53	8.74	Great Plain.
Austen, John	7	1 1/2	First Range. .	5	5.128	Great Plain.
Ayres, Samuel	5	1 1/2	Island Range.	9	5.	Island.
Ayres, John	2	1 1/2	Island Range.	6	9.16	Island.
Abbot, Jacob	12	1 1/2	First Range. .	47	6.126	Great Plain.
Ayers, Obadiah	5	9.69	L'w'st Range.*			
Barker, Zebediah, <i>alias</i> Edward Abbot,	16	1 1/2	Second Range.	57	6.20	Great Plain.
Blanchard, Thomas	21	1 1/2	Second Range.	42	5.150	Great Plain.
Barker, William	36	1 1/2	Third Range.	59	6 3/4	Great Plain.
Barker, Nathaniel, <i>alias</i> Solomon, Martin	19	1 1/2	Second Range	47	7.	Great Plain.

* The Lowest Range was "The Eleven Lots," and (9 acres 69 poles) included House and Home Lots.

THE NAMES OF PROPRIETORS—CONTINUED.

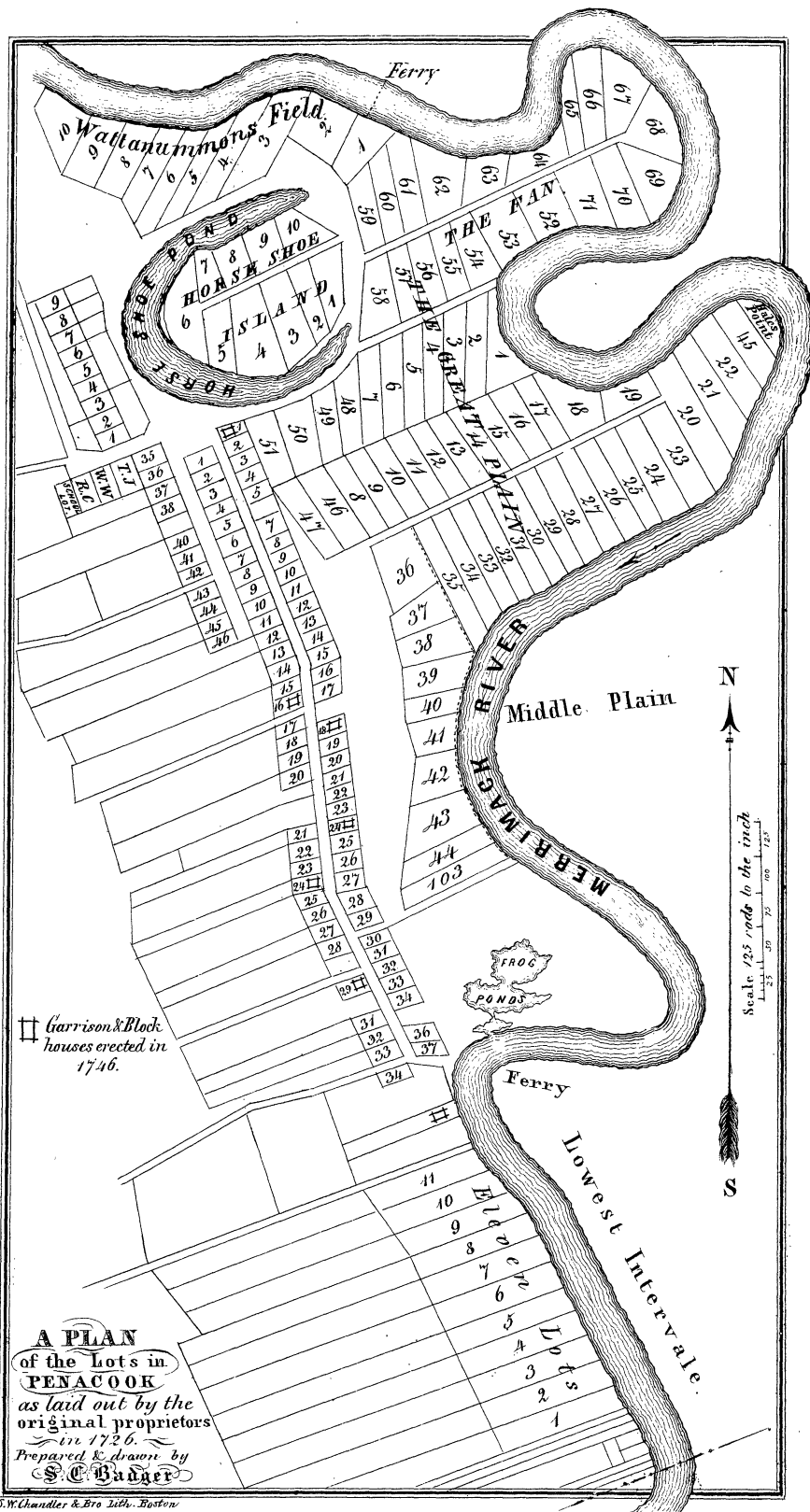
Names, alphabetically arranged.	Number, Quantity and Range of House Lots.			Six-Acre, or Home Lots, and Range.		
	NO.	QUAN.	RANGE.	NO.	QUAN.	RANGE.
Bayley, Joshua	33	1½	First Range.	24	6.104	Great Plain.
Boardman, Moses, <i>alias</i> Josiah Jones,	32	1½	First Range.	23	6.96	Great Plain.
Blodgett, Nathan	15	1½	Second Range.	56	6.	Great Plain.
Bayley, John, <i>alias</i> Samuel White,	14	1½	First Range.	8	5.130	Great Plain.
Clement, Nathaniel	6	9.54	Low'st R'nge.*			
Chandler, John	7	1½	First Range.	68	6.66	Great Plain.
Carlton, Benjamin	18	1½	First Range.	12	5.110	Great Plain.
Carlton, Christopher	5	1½	First Range.	7	5.128	Great Plain.
Carlton, Nehemiah	13	1½	First Range.	46	6.94	Great Plain.
Coolidge, Richard, <i>alias</i> Samuel Jones,		1½		3	10.	Wat'num.'s.
Coggin, John	10	1½	Second Range.	71	7¼	Great Plain.
Clark, Edward	7	1½	Island Range.	4	11½	Island.
Coffin, Enoch	36	1½	First Range.	26	7.104	Great Plain.
Coleman, Thomas	8	1½	First Range.	4	5.128	Great Plain.
Cogswell, Nathaniel	38	1½	Third Range.	2	8.50	Wat'num.'s.
Day, Moses	25	1½	First Range.	19	4.100	Great Plain.
Davis, Joseph	44	1½	Third Range.	8	6.93	Wat'num.'s.
Davis, Samuel	46	1½	Third Range.	10	6½	Wat'num.'s.
Dodge, David	4	1½	First Range.	48	5.73	Great Plain.
Davis, Ephraim	10	1½	First Range.	2	5.32	Great Plain.
Eastman, Ebenezer	9	1½	Second Range.	70	6¾	Great Plain.
Eames, Jacob	23	1½	Second Range.	40	5½	Great Plain.
Emerson, Stephen	9	1½	First Range.	3	5.128	Great Plain.
Foster, John	20	1½	First Range.	14	5.105	Great Plain.
Farnum, Ephraim	15	1½	First Range.	9	5.130	Great Plain.
Foster, Abraham	3	1½	Second Range.	64	4.50	Great Plain.
Fisk, Nathan, <i>alias</i> Zachariah Chandler,	4	1½	Second Range.	65	4.152	Great Plain.
Grainger, John	1	1½	Second Range.	62	7.60	Great Plain.
Grainger, Samuel	22	1½	Second Range.	41	4.96	Great Plain.
Gage, Benjamin	8	9.33	Eleven Lots.	8		
Gutterson, William	27	1½	First Range.	21	5.93	Great Plain.
Heath, Nehemiah	3	1½	Island Range.	7	2.114	Island.
Hildreth, Ephraim	10	8¾	Eleven Lots.	10		
Hale, Joseph	29	1½	First Range.	45	6.	Great Plain.
Hazzen, Moses	31	1½	First Range.	37	6.27	Great Plain.
Hazzen, Richard	9	8¾	Eleven Lots.	9		
Hubbard, Jonathan, <i>alias</i> Daniel Davis,	30	1½	First Range.	36	11¾	Great Plain.
Hall, Joseph	2	9 107	Eleven Lots.	2		
Johnson, Timothy		2		1	5.138	Island.
Jaques, John	17	1½	First Range.	11	5.130	Great Plain.
Jones, Nathaniel	6	1½	Second Range.	62	6.20	Great Plain.
Kimball, Robert	43	1¾	Third Range.	7	6.66	Wat'num.'s.
Kimball, Samuel	18	1½	Second Range.	103	6.50	Great Plain.
Kimball, David	24	1½	First Range.	18	6.50	Great Plain.
Lovejoy, Nathaniel	22	1½	First Range.	16	5.95	Great Plain.
Lovejoy, Ebenezer	4	1½	Island Range.	8	4.64	Island.
Learned, Thomas	40	1½	Third Range.	4	7.50	Wat'num.'s.
Martis, John	20	1½	Second Range.	43	10.100	Great Plain.
Merrill, John	27	1½	Second Range.	34	8.100	Great Plain.

* The Lowest Range was "The Eleven Lots," and included House and Home Lots.

THE NAMES OF PROPRIETORS—CONTINUED.

Names, alphabetically arranged.	Number, Quantity and Range of House Lots.			Six-Acre, or Home Lots, and Range.		
	NO.	QUAN.	RANGE.	NO.	QUAN.	RANGE.
Mitchell, Andrew	19	1½	First Range.	13	5.110	Great Plain.
Minister,	1	1½	First Range.	51	6.90	Great Plain.
Nichols, Benjamin	11	1½	First Range.	1	3.70	Great Plain.
Osgood, John	11	8¾	Eleven Lots.*	11		
Osgood, Stephen	8	1½	Island Range.	3	8½	Island.
Parker, Benjamin	37	1½	Third Range.	1	6.62	Wat'num.'s.
Page, Thomas	3	1½	First Range.	49	5.16	Great Plain.
Peaslee, Robert	26	1½	First Range.	20	6.20	Great Plain.
Parker, Joseph	24	1½	Second Range.	39	6½	Great Plain.
Parker, Nathan	8	1½	Second Range.	69	7.128	Great Plain.
Page, Nathaniel	34	1½	Second Range.	28	7.50	Great Plain.
Phillips, Samuel	25	1½	Second Range.	38	7.40	Great Plain.
Parker, James	28	1½	First Range.	22	6.48	Great Plain.
Pulsipher, Jonathan	4	9½	Eleven Lots.	4		
Peaslee, Nathaniel	1	9¾	Eleven Lots.	1		
Pecker, John	23	1½	First Range.	17	5.90	Great Plain.
Page, Joseph	29	1½	Second Range.	32	6.120	Great Plain.
Peabody, John	37	1½	First Range.	27	6.120	Great Plain.
Parsonage,	41	1½	Third Range.	50	6.90	Great Plain.
Reynolds, Samuel	16	1¾	First Range.	10	5.130	Great Plain.
Rolfé, Henry	45	1½	Third Range.	9	7.	Wat'num.'s.
Sanders, John	13	1½	Second Range.	54	6.20	Great Plain.
Stevens, Ebenezer	17	1½	Second Range.	58	7.140	Great Plain.
Sanders, John, Jr.,	21	1½	First Range.	15	5.100	Great Plain.
Sanders, Nathaniel	32	1½	Second Range.	30	8.	Great Plain.
Stevens, Benjamin	1	1½	Island Range.	5	5½	Island.
Simonds, James	2	1½	First Range.	5	8.	Wat'num.'s.
Simonds, Nathan	31	1½	Second Range.	31	6.140	Great Plain.
Shipley, Jonathan	5	1½	Second Range.	66	6¾	Great Plain.
Snow, Zorababel	35	1½	Third Range.	61	6.28	Great Plain.
School,	1	1½	60	5¾	Great Plain.
Toppan, Samuel	2	1½	Second Range.	63	5.36	Great Plain.
Toppan, Bezaleel	11	1½	Second Range.	52	6.104	Great Plain.
Urann, Richard	42	1½	Third Range.	6	8.	Wat'num.'s.
Virgin, Ebenezer	6	1½	Island Range.	10	5.128	Island.
Wright, John	33	1½	Second Range.	29	7.	Great Plain.
White, William	7	9¼	Eleven Lots.	7		
White, Nicholas	3	9.35	Eleven Lots.	3		
Wise, Ammi Ruham	26	1½	Second Range.	35	8½	Great Plain.
Walker, Isaac	28	1½	Second Range.	33	6¾	Great Plain.
Wood, David	9	1½	Island Range.	2	5.70	Island.
Whittier, William	2		6	5.128	Great Plain.
Wicomb, Thomas	14	1½	Second Range.	55	6.	Great Plain.
Winn, Edward	34	1½	First Range.	25	6.107	Great Plain.
Mill Grant on Turkey River,	140 acres on Turkey River.			[Main street.		
Noyes Cutting Grant,	40 acres, east side of river, and 10, 2d Range,					
Mill Grant to Nathan Simonds,	100 acres on the east side.					

* "The Eleven Lots" included House and Home Lots.



EXPLANATION

OF THE "SECOND DIVISION OF INTERVAL," MOSTLY ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE MERRIMACK RIVER, SURVEYED BY RICHARD HAZZEN, JR., IN MAY, 1727, AND LAID OUT BY JOHN CHANDLER, RICHARD HAZZEN, JR., AND WILLIAM WHITE, COMMITTEE.

The plan of this survey is not preserved, but the localities mentioned are understood by tradition — the several names given in the record being still applied to them.

1. The "Mill Brook" Interval designates the lands which lie in the vicinity of the brook that runs from Turtle Pond through the East Village, and empties into the Merrimack easterly of Federal Bridge. This was divided into two ranges, which included the whole interval west and north of the bridge.

2. "Sugar Ball Division" lies in the valley south of the Sugar Ball Hill, in the vicinity of Samuel Clifford's present residence.

3. "The Middle Plain" includes the interval immediately north and south of the Free Bridge Road, extending *up* to Sugar Ball Plain and *down* to the curve in the river, near the house of the late William Davis.

4. The "Lowest Interval" includes the lands from the ancient town line, this side of Turkey Falls, upwards, till it meets the Middle Plain.

5. "Rattle-snake Plains" lie on the *west side* of the river, from what is called Farnum's Eddy, northward, to the high banks north-east of the West Village, or as far as the interval extends in that direction.

6. "Frog Ponds" include the section of interval still well known by that name—though the course of the river has greatly changed the original bounds of some of the lots.

The following table shows where the several lots, as laid out originally, were located, and, also, the quantity of land to each. It will be observed that in several cases two parcels were allotted to the same person, in different localities. The record of this "Second Division" is in Vol. I. of Proprietors' Records, pp. 29–43.

1. MILL BROOK INTERVAL—FIRST RANGE.

NO.	ACRES.	NO.	ACRES.
1. Edward Abbot,	2½	13. John Chandler,	4
2. John Foster,	2½	14. Bezaleel Toppan,	4½
3. Nehemiah Heath,	2½	15. John Coggin,	4½
4. Ebenezer Lovejoy,	2½	16. Ebenezer Eastman,	4½
5. Samuel Ayer,	2½	17. Samuel Davis,	4½
6. Stephen Osgood,	2½	18. Nathan Parker,	4½
7. David Wood,	4	19. Edward Clark,	6
8. John Grainger,	5	20. Benjamin Stevens,	6
9. William Barker,	4½	21. Nehemiah Heath,	3½
10. Timothy Johnson,	4	22. John Foster,	3
11. Ebenezer Virgin,	4½	23. Jonathan Shipley,	4½
12. Nathaniel Abbot,	4½	24. Nathaniel Jones,	4½

MILL BROOK INTERVAL—SECOND RANGE.

NO.	ACRES.	NO.	ACRES.
1. Abraham Foster,	5	7. School,	5
2. John Sanders,	5	8. Zerobabel Snow,	5
3. Thomas Wicomb,	5	9. Edward Abbot,	2½
4. Nathan Blodgett,	5	10. Ebenezer Lovejoy,	2½
5. Minister,	6	11. Samuel Ayer,	2½
6. Parsonage,	6	12. Stephen Osgood,	2½

2. SUGAR BALL PLAIN.

NO.	ACRES.	NO.	ACRES.
1. Benjamin Niccolls,	3	9. Ephraim Davis,	2½
2. Ephraim Farnum,	2½	10. Samuel Reynolds,	5
3. Nathaniel Lovejoy,	2½	11. John Ayer,	6
4. John Jaques,	2½	12. Samuel White,	5
5. Benjamin Carlton,	2½	13. David Kimball,	5
6. Andrew Mitchell,	2½	14. Moses Day,	5
7. Stephen Emerson,	2½	15. John Pecker,	2½
8. Thomas Colman,	2½	16. John Sanders,	2½

3. MIDDLE PLAIN.

NO.	ACRES.	NO.	ACRES.
1. Thomas Coleman,	4	15. Jacob Eames,	5
2. Ephraim Davis,	3	16. Samuel Grainger,	5
3. Benjamin Niccolls,	3	17. John Mattis,	5
4. Stephen Emerson,	2½	18. John Osgood,	3
5. Ephraim Farnum,	2½	19. Ephraim Hildreth,	3
6. Nathaniel Lovejoy,	2½	20. Richard Hazzen, Jr.,	3
7. John Jaques,	2½	21. Benjamin Gage,	3
8. Benjamin Carlton,	2½	22. William White,	3
9. Andrew Mitchell,	2½	23. Nathaniel Clement,	3
10. John Sanders, Jr.,	2½	24. Obadiah Ayer,	3 (?)
11. John Pecker,	2½	25. Jonathan Pusepther,	3
12. James Parker,	5	26. Nicholas White,	3
13. Robert Peaslee,	5	27. Joseph Hall,	3
14. Joseph Parker,	5	28. Nathaniel Peaslee,	3

All the foregoing lots are numbered from the upper end *down* Merrimack river.

4. LOWEST INTERVAL—ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER.

Lots numbered from the town line *up* Merrimack river.

NO.	ACRES.	NO.	ACRES.
1. Nathaniel Peaslee,	4¾	17. Jonathan Hubbard,	2½
2. Joseph Hall,	4¾	18. Ammi Ruh Wise,	2½
3. Nicholas White,	4¾	19. Thomas Blanchard,	2½
4. Jonathan Pulsipher,	4¾	20. Moses Hazzen,	2½
5. Obadiah Ayer,	4¾	21. Isaac Walker,	2½
6. Nathaniel Clement,	4¾	22. Nathan Simons,	2½
7. William White,	4¾	23. Joseph Page,	2½
8. Benjamin Gage,	4¾	24. Nathaniel Sanders,	2½
9. Richard Hazzen, Jr.,	4¾	25. John Wright,	2½
10. Ephraim Hildreth,	4¾	26. Nathaniel Page,	2½
11. John Osgood,	5	27. Nathan Fisk, <i>alias</i> Zachariah Chandler,	5
12. Joseph Hale,	2½	28. Solomon Martin,	5
13. John Peabody,	2½	29. Samuel Kembball,	5
14. Edward Winn,	2½	30. William Gutterson,	5
15. Josiah Jones,	2½	31. John Merrill,	5
16. Joshua Bayley,	2½		

N. B. There is to run a drift-way of three rods through the westerly end of the thirty-one lots last mentioned, as nigh to Merrimack river as may be with convenience.

5. RATTLE-SNAKE PLAINS.

These lots are numbered *up* Merrimack river.

NO.	ACRES.	NO.	ACRES.
1. David Dodge,	5	5. Jacob Abbott,	5
2. Samuel Toppan,	5	6. William Whittier,	5
3. Christopher Carlton,	5	7. Thomas Page,	5
4. Nehemiah Carlton,	5	8. John Austin,	4

NO.	ACRES.	NO.	ACRES.
9. Henry Rolfe,	4	13. Thomas Larned,	2½
10. Benjamin Parker,	4	14. James Simons,	2
11. Thomas Perley, for Nathaniel Cogswell,	4	15. Robert Kimball,	2½
12. Samuel Jones,	4	16. Joseph Davis,	2½
		17. Richard Urann,	3

N. B. There is allowance in these lots for a highway to run through them till it comes to Urann's lot.

6. DIVISION AT "FROG PONDS."

NO.	ACRES.	NO.	ACRES.
1. Enoch Coffin,	5	9. Moses Hazzen,	(?)
2. Samuel Phillips,	5	10. Thomas Blanchard,	2½
3. Nathaniel Page,	2½	11. Ammi Ru ^b Wise,	2½
4. John Wright,	2½	12. Jonathan Hubbard,	2½
5. Nathaniel Sanders,	2½	13. Joshua Bayley,	2½
6. Nathan Simons,	2½	14. Josiah Jones,	2½
7. Joseph Page,	2½	15. Edward Winn,	2½
8. Isaac Walker,	2½	16. John Peabody,	2½

Laid out to Nathaniel Abbot, "all that swamp betwixt his first division of interval and Merrimack river, containing one acre and a quarter, more or less."

To Joseph Hale, two acres of swamp adjoining Abbot's.

To David Wood, one acre of swamp adjoining Hale's.

To Benjamin Niccolls, one acre of swamp adjoining Wood's.

To John Austin, one acre of swamp adjoining Niccolls'.

To Ebenezer Stevens, four and a half acres of land, bounded on Benjamin Parker's lot, on one side, and Horse-shoe Pond and the brook that runs out of it, on the other.

To William Barker, all that land lying betwixt the highway that runs by his interval lot, and the brook that runs through Horse-shoe Pond, containing thirty-five poles, more or less.

To Ebenezer Virgin, the land betwixt his first division of interval and the brook that runs out of Horse-shoe Pond—forty poles.

To Timothy Johnson, the land lying betwixt his first division of interval and Horse-shoe Pond brook—one acre and a half.

EXPLANATION OF THE "TWENTY ACRES" DIVISION.

This division of land was made between the 14th of September, 1732, and the 18th of June, 1734, agreeable to a vote of the proprietors, "according to our best judgment," by Ebenezer Eastman, John Chandler, Jeremiah Stickney, Joseph Eastman, Edward Abbott, Benjamin Rolfe, committee.

No plan has been preserved of this division. The lots were laid off in different parts of the township. The original bounds are recorded in the Proprietors' Records, Vol. II., but only a part of them can at the present time be recognized by the description there given. Ten twenty acre lots were laid off north of what was called the Contoocook [Boscawen] road—extending from the north end of Main street into the neighborhood of the West Village. Ten more were laid off on the Hopkinton road, in the vicinity of the new jail, westward, beyond the monument. Several were laid off west of the "second range," on Main street. In many cases, however, the original lots are known only by tradition, and by records of conveyances, &c.

“EMENDATION LOTS.”

These lots were laid out in different quantities, and frequently in different sections, in order “to make the interval lots belonging to the proprietors equal as to quantity and quality.” The bounds are recorded in Proprietors’ Records, Vol. II., but must be recognized mainly, at this time, by family tradition, and by written conveyances. This division was made between the 14th of November, 1732, and the 1st of December, 1734, by vote of the proprietors, and “according to our best judgment,” by Ebenezer Eastman, Abraham Bradley, Joseph Eastman, committee.

“EIGHTY ACRES DIVISION.”

A division of common and undivided land was ordered (14th of March, 1736,) to be made to the several grantees, “as large as the committee shall think the good land will allow of”—to be laid out in one or more pieces. This is called the “eighty acres” division, though the lots varied from eighty acres to one hundred and fifty, or even more, according to quality. The lots were laid off, in many cases, in different pieces, remote from each other. Plans of these lots are preserved among the Proprietors’ Records, Vol. III., with the roads and drift-ways reserved which ran through them. The division was made by Benjamin Rolfe and John Chandler, committee.

Special grants of land were made as follows :

To Nathan Simonds—mill grant, one hundred acres, on the east side of the river.

To Cutting Noyes, for doing blacksmith work, forty acres, on the east side of the river, and ten acres on the west side, opposite Lot No. 23, first range of house lots.

To Henry Lovejoy and Barachias Farnum—mill grant on Turkey river—one hundred and forty acres.

To Col. John Wainwright, for services as clerk, one hundred acres.

To John Merrill, for keeping ferry, twenty acres.

No. 2.

THE STATE AND CONDITION OF THE SETTLEMENT

IN OCTOBER, 1731.

[COPIED, ALPHABETICALLY, FROM THE ORIGINAL REPORT.]

NATHANIEL ABBOT. He had a house built and his family there.

JACOB ABBOT. He had a house built and inhabited.

JOHN AUSTIN. He had a house built and inhabited.

SAMUEL AYER. He had a house framed, and twelve acres of land fenced, mowed and ploughed.

OBADIAH AYER. He had a house built and inhabited.

JOHN AYER. He had a house inhabited.

JOHN BAYLEY. He had a house erected, but not finished.

NATHANIEL BARKER. He had a house built, and the lot improved by James Varnum, an inhabitant.

ZEBEDIAH BARKER. He had a house and barn well finished and inhabited.

WILLIAM BARKER. He had a house well finished and inhabited, and a good barn.

JOSHUA BAYLEY. He had a house built and inhabited.

THOMAS BLANCHARD. He had a house built and inhabited.

MOSES BOARDMAN. He had a house built, but not quite finished, but tenantable — six acre lot fenced in and under improvement.

NATHAN BLODGETT. He had a house inhabited.

CHRISTOPHER CARLETON. He had a house built and inhabited.

BENJAMIN CARLETON. He had a house built, and the order of Court complied with by Jeremiah Stickney, an inhabitant.

NEHEMIAH CARLETON. He had a house erected, and the order complied with by Abner Hoit, an inhabitant.

JOHN CHANDLER. A house built and inhabited — the order fully complied with.

NATHANIEL CLEMENT. He had no house and no inhabitant — three acres ploughed.

JOHN COGGIN. He had a house erected, but not finished — twelve acres of land fenced and improved.

EDWARD CLARK. He had a house built — not finished — a man inhabiting there — twelve acres within fence, mowed and ploughed.

ENOCH COFFIN. He had a house built, and the order complied with by Jonathan Danforth.

THOMAS COLMAN. He had a house built and inhabited.

RICHARD COOLEGE. He had no house, but land improved, and order otherwise complied with by Ens. John Chandler.

JOSEPH DAVIS. He had a house built and well finished.

EPHRAIM DAVIS. He had a house built, and the order was complied with by his son.

SAMUEL DAVIS. [Blank.]

MOSES DAY. He had a house built and inhabited.

DAVID DODGE. He had a house built — not finished.

JACOB EAMES. He had a good dwelling house — six acre lot fenced in and broke up.

EBENEZER EASTMAN. He had six sons on the spot — six men in his family. He paid the charge of building a corn-mill; and he has broke up, cleared and mowed upward of eighty acres of land, and had very considerable buildings, out-houses, barns, &c., there.

STEPHEN EMERSON. He had a house built, and the order complied with — no inhabitant.

EPHRAIM FARNUM. He was an inhabitant and had a house built.

NATHAN FISK. He had a house built and inhabited, and the order complied with by Z. Chandler.

ABRAHAM FOSTER. He had a house built and inhabited.

JOHN FOSTER. He had a house built, and the order complied with by his son.

BENJAMIN GAGE. He had a house built and inhabited.

JOHN GRANGER. He had a house built and finished — order complied with by John Russ, inhabitant.

SAMUEL GRAINGER. He had a house built — order complied with by George Abbot.

WILLIAM GUTTERSON. He had a house built, and the order complied with by John Merrill.

JOSEPH HALE. He had a frame standing on the house lot.

JOSEPH HALL. He had a house built and inhabited.

MOSES HAZZEN. He had a house built and inhabited.

RICHARD HAZZEN, JUN. He had a house built, and the order complied with by Dea. Osgood.

NEHEMIAH HEATH. [Blank.]

EPHRAIM HILDRETH. He had a frame, not raised, but ready, and land ploughed.

JONATHAN HUBBARD, for DANIEL DAVIS. He had a house built and inhabited.

JOHN JAQUES. He had a house built and inhabited.

TIMOTHY JOHNSON. He had a house built and inhabited.

NATHANIEL JONES. He had a house built, and order complied with by his son.

DAVID KIMBALL. He had a house built — an inhabitant.

ROBERT KIMBALL. He had a house — the order complied with — his son an inhabitant.

SAMUEL KIMBALL. He had a house built — not finished — the order complied with by his son.

ISAAC LEARNED. He had a house — man dead.

EBENEZER LOVEJOY. He had a house, but uninhabited.

NATHANIEL LOVEJOY. He had a house erected — not finished.

JOHN MATTIS. He had a house and barn, and inhabited.

JOHN MERRILL. He had a house built — an inhabitant.

ANDREW MITCHELL. He had a house erected — not finished — twelve acres fenced and ploughed.

BENJAMIN NICHOLS. He had a house built and inhabited.

JOHN OSGOOD. He had a house built and inhabited.

STEPHEN OSGOOD. He had a house — ten acres fenced and mowed — cleared — nothing ploughed.

THOMAS PAGE. [Blank.]

JOSEPH PAGE. He had a house built and inhabited.

NATHANIEL PAGE. He had a house built, finished and inhabited.

JOSEPH PARKER. He had a house, but not finished — orders otherwise complied with by Ezekiel Walker, an inhabitant.

NATHAN PARKER. He had a house built and inhabited.

BENJAMIN PARKER. He had a house partly covered — ten acres fenced and improved by ploughing and mowing.

JAMES PARKER. He had no house — the land ploughed, mowed and fenced by Lt. Farrington, an inhabitant.

JOHN PEABODY. He had a house up — negro man, inhabitant — orders otherwise complied with.

NATHANIEL PEASLEE. He had a house — order complied with by John Merrill.

ROBERT PEASLEE. He had a house and inhabited.
 JOHN PECKER. He had a house built and inhabited.
 REV. SAMUEL PHILLIPS. He had a house up — not finished — order for improvement complied with by William Peters.
 JONATHAN PULSIPHER. He had a house built and inhabited.
 THOMAS PERLEY, for NATHANIEL COGSWELL. He had a house built and was an inhabitant.
 SAMUEL REYNOLDS. He had a house erected, but not finished, and land fenced and improved — no inhabitant.
 HENRY ROLFE. He had a house built and inhabited.
 JOHN SANDERS. He had a house built and inhabited.
 NATHANIEL SANDERS. He had a house built and inhabited.
 JOHN SANDERS, JR. He had a house built — land ploughed, mowed and fenced.
 JONATHAN SHIPLEY. [Blank.]
 JAMES SIMONDS. He had a house built and inhabited.
 NATHAN SIMONDS. [Blank.]
 EBENEZER STEVENS. He had a house and barn built, finished and inhabited.
 ZEROBABEL SNOW. He had a house up, inhabited by Isaac Walker.
 BENJAMIN STEVENS, Esq. He had a house and barn — improved by Ebenezer Stevens.
 BEZALEEL TOPPAN. He had a house built and inhabited.
 SAMUEL TOPPAN. He had a house inhabited — order complied with by — Danforth.
 RICHARD URAN. He was an inhabitant, and had land mowed, ploughed and fenced.
 EBENEZER VIRGIN. He had a house and inhabited it.
 ISAAC WALKER. He had a house up — not finished — was an inhabitant, with his family — twelve acres fenced, mowed and ploughed.
 WILLIAM WHITE. No house frame ready — three acres ploughed — that's all.
 NICHOLAS WHITE. Frame raised — possessed by — Call, an inhabitant there.
 THOMAS WICOMB. He had a house built, and had a man there.
 WILLIAM WHITTIER. No house nor inhabitant.
 EDWARD WINN. He had a house up — not finished.
 JOHN WRIGHT. He had a house almost finished — an inhabitant.
 AMMI RUHAMAH WISE. He had a house built and inhabited.
 DAVID WOOD. He had a house and a man on the spot — ten acres fenced, mowed and ploughed.

Total — 100.

The above is the account of the present state and circumstances of the Plantation of Penny Cook, taken there by as careful a view as we could, and the best information of the principal settlers and inhabitants.

October 20, 1731.

JOHN WAINWRIGHT,
 JNO. SANDERS.

No. 3.

A STATEMENT

OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE SETTLERS, FROM 1725 TO 1733.

	£	s.
For the privilege of admittance, 20s. each,	100	00
For right to a lot, £5 each,	500	00
To Obadiah Ayer, for examining records,	2	00
For expense of committee, surveyors, &c. — first division — 40s. each,	200	00
For laying out second division of interval,	26	00
For block-house and canoes,	113	17
For preferring a petition to the General Court,	0	20
To Mr. John Sanders, for his services, in part,	0	15
For mending the highways to Penacook,	14	02
To Rev. Bezaleel Toppan, for preaching, &c.,	1	10
To heirs of Rev. Enoch Coffin,	4	00
To Mr. Henry Rolfe, for a ferry-boat over Suncook river,	5	00
For "and toward" settling the first minister,	100	00
For a grist-mill, (10s. each,)	50	00
To Mr. John Sanders, in part pay for his services,	3	00
For ordination expenses,	31	10
To John Wainwright and John Sanders, for services,	4	00
	£1157	14
Abated,	500	00

It appears, however, that £500 — toward which each settler gave a bond of £5 for his right to a lot — was, upon petition, abated. Beside these expenses — which, it would seem, were promptly met — each settler met his own charges in building his house, clearing and fencing his land; and, after Rev. Mr. Walker's settlement, paying his salary and other current expenses of the community — all which shows that they were, in general, men of substance, and "well able" to prosecute their noble and hazardous enterprise.

BRIEF NOTICES

OF THE PROPRIETORS AND EARLY SETTLERS, IN THE ORDER OF THEIR NAMES.

ABBOT.

Nathaniel Abbot, son of Nathaniel, son of George, the ancestor of the Abbots of Andover, Massachusetts, was born in Andover in 1696. He married *Penelope Ballard*; was about thirty years of age when he came to Penacook. They had thirteen children. His house lot was No. 12, second range — where the North Congregational Church now stands. He was the first constable of Penacook, (1732/3,) — an efficient, enterprising, useful citizen, and member of the church.

At the commencement of the French war, (1744,) he entered the service, and joined the rangers under Maj. Robert Rogers. He held a lieutenant's commission in 1755, in Capt. Joseph Eastman's company, in the expedition against Crown Point, and was a lieutenant in Capt. *Richard* Rogers' company of rangers, in Fort William Henry, at the time of the massacre, 1757. In 1746 he had command of a company in defense of the town against the Indians. He died in 1770, aged 74. [See Register of Abbot family.]

Edward Abbot, cousin of Capt. Nathaniel; son of Timothy, son of George, of Andover, married Dorcas Chandler; was one of the first selectmen of Rumford. In 1746 his house was a garrison that stood on the spot where Dr. Thomas Chadbourne now lives — south-east corner of Montgomery and Main streets. Edward, his son, was the first male child born in Penacook, (7th of January, 1731,) and Dorcas the first female child. [See Town Register.]

Jacob Abbot, cousin of Nathaniel and Edward; son of Benjamin, son of George, of Andover. He died in the French war, 1760.

AUSTIN.

John Austin, probably a descendant of *Thomas* Austin, from Andover, where was Samuel Austin (1714,) who died 1753, aged eighty-three.

AYERS.

Obadiah, *Samuel* and *John Ayers*, or *Ayer*, were from Haverhill. *Obadiah* was a graduate of Harvard College, 1710; was employed to "examine the General Court's records, to see if there be any former grant" of the township; was "one of the principal inhabitants of Haverhill." Samuel and John were of the same family — young men — and were among the most active and enterprising settlers. [See Family Register.] They were all descendants of *John*, who was of Salisbury, 1640, of Ipswich, 1648, and at Haverhill, 1657.

BLANCHARD.

Thomas Blanchard, from Andover, was a son or grandson of *Samuel* Blanchard, who came from England, in 1639, with his father, *Thomas*, on the ship *Jonathan*, and settled in Charlestown. Thence Samuel removed to Andover, in 1686, and died April, 1707, aged seventy-seven. Thomas, the proprietor of Penacook, died in 1759, aged eighty-five.

BARKER.

William, *Nathan* and *Zebediah Barker* came from Andover. William, son of Richard Barker, one of the founders of the church in Andover, 1645, was uncle to Nathan and Zebediah — the one, son of *Ebenezer*, and the other of *Stephen* Barker, brothers of William. [See Family Register.]

BAYLEY.

Capt. Joshua Bayley is named in the Proprietors' Records as "one of the principal inhabitants of Haverhill." Probably came to Haverhill from Newbury; born the 30th of October, 1685, and a descendant of John Bayley, who came from Chippenham, England, (a weaver,) and settled in Newbury, 1650. [See Coffin's Hist. of Newbury, App., p. 294.]

BOARDMAN.

Moses Boardman — unknown.

BLODGETT.

Nathan Blodgett was probably from Woburn.

CLEMENT.

Nathaniel Clement was from Haverhill.

CHANDLER.

John Chandler, son of Capt. John Chandler, of Andover, who died in 1721, and grandson of Capt. Thomas Chandler, who died in 1703, was a leading and influential man. *Zechariah Chandler* was a cousin of John, son of William, son of Capt. Thomas. The first Capt. John was a powerful, athletic man, of great muscular strength and cool, indomitable courage. The late Nathan Chandler, great-grandson of Capt. John, used to relate, that on one occasion, when his ancestor, Capt. John, of Andover, went to Newburyport, he was impressed by three of the king's officers—saying to him, as they laid hands on his shoulder: "The king needs your service." He wished to be excused; saying that his family required his care and attention, &c.; to which the reply was: "We cannot help that; the king needs your services; you will go with us." Apparently yielding, he walked quietly along with them till they reached a spot where a house had been burned down, and where was a deep cellar with ashes and half consumed timber. Turning quickly around, he seized them one by one, and threw them into the cellar, where he left them and went on his way.

CARLTON.

The *Carltons*—*Benjamin*, *Nehemiah* and *Christopher*—were relatives, probably from Andover and Haverhill. Mirick, in his History of Haverhill, says, "Christopher Carlton was among the original proprietors of Penacook;" but the late John Farmer, Esq., said that Christopher Carlton was son of John Carlton, of Andover. The name was common in both places.

COOLIDGE.

Richard Coolidge—unknown.

COGGIN.

John Coggin is believed to have been of Woburn. None of the name are now in Concord.

CLARK.

Edward Clark was from Haverhill.

COFFIN.

Rev. Enoch Coffin was son of the Hon. Nathaniel Coffin; born at Newbury, Massachusetts, February 7, 1695/6; graduated at Harvard College in 1714; died August, 1728. He received a call to settle in Dunstable, N. H., as successor of Rev. Thomas Weld, but declined it on account of his health. Mr. Coffin accompanied the honorable Committee of the Court and surveyors when they came to Penacook to lay out the land, in May, 1726, and preached twice on the Sabbath after their arrival, in a tent, on Sugar Ball Plain. His father, Nathaniel, was son of Tristram Coffin, of Newbury, whose father, Tristram Coffin, was born in Brixham Parish, town of Plymouth, England, in 1609. In 1642 Tristram Coffin came to this country with his mother, wife, two sisters, and five children—Peter, Tristram, Elizabeth, James and John. Peter Coffin, son of this Tristram, was born in 1630; resided the principal part of his life in

Dover, N. H., and was concerned in the trucking house, in Penacook, in 1668. He died the 21st of March, 1715, at Exeter, aged eighty-five. Tristram Coffin was the ancestor of a numerous race, to which belong Samuel Coffin, Esq., of Concord, and those of the name in Boscawen. [See Coffin's Hist. of Newbury.] The first settlers of the name in Concord, after the death of Rev. *Enoch*, were *William* and *Peter*, sons of *John*, of Newbury. Peter afterward settled in Boscawen, from whom those of that name there have descended.

COLEMAN.

Thomas Coleman was of Newbury, probably a descendant of Thomas Coleman, or "Coultman," as he wrote it, (laborer,) who was born 1602, in Marlborough, Wiltshire, England, and came to Newbury in the James, 1635. He died at Nantucket, 1685, aged eighty-three. Coleman forfeited his lot, by not paying, to Henry Rolfe, Esq.

COGSWELL.

Nathaniel Cogswell's right was drawn and carried on by Thomas Perley. "Perley" was, and still is, a common name of Boxford, Massachusetts.

DAY.

Moses Day was from Bradford. One of the same name was deacon of the church in the West Parish of Bradford, 1730, and also 1750. Probably one of them was the proprietor in Penacook. [See Rev. G. B. Perry's sermon, December 12, 1820.]

DAVIS.

Ephraim, Joseph and *Samuel* were from Haverhill. *Ephraim* was the only one who finally settled in Concord. He was born the 20th of March, 1697 — son of Ephraim, son of John, a descendant of Thomas, who was of Marlborough, England, and was in Newbury, 1641; then in Haverhill, 1642, where he died in 1683, aged eighty. [See Family Register.]

DODGE.

David Dodge — not known from whence he came — none of the name now resident here.

EASTMAN.

Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was from Haverhill; one of the most enterprising and useful of the proprietors. He settled on the east side of the river. His house was a garrison in 1746 — situated west of the present residence of Robert Eastman. On the old house lot, which is now divided by the track of the Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad, several ancient apple trees are still standing, which Capt. Eastman set out with his own hands. [See biographical notice.]

EAMES.

Jacob Eames was from Andover.

EMERSON.

Stephen Emerson was from Haverhill.

FOSTER.

John and *Abraham Foster* were from Andover — descendants of Andrew Foster, one of the first settlers in Andover, who came from England, and died 1685, aged one hundred and six years. John was son of Ephraim, who died 1746, aged eighty-eight. *Abraham* was probably a cousin of John.

FARNUM.

Ephraim Farnum, from Andover, was son of Ephraim, son of Ralph Farnum, who married Elizabeth Holt, in 1658. He drew house lot No. 15, which was the spot where the house of the late Dr. Green stood. He afterward settled on the land now owned by Dea. Benjamin Farnum and by Moses H. Farnum, who are descendants. Ephraim Farnum was chosen deacon of the church August, 1731. How long he served is unknown. But, "desiring a dismissal from the office, at a church meeting, he was dismissed, and George Abbot chosen in his room." He died in 1775, aged about eighty. His descendants in Concord are many. [See Farnum Family.]

GRANGER.

John and Samuel Granger were brothers from Andover; sons of John Granger, who was born in 1655, and died in 1725, aged seventy — who was probably a son of Lancelot Granger, of Newbury, ancestor of the late Gideon Granger, Postmaster General of the United States.

GAGE.

Benjamin Gage was from Bradford.

GUTTERSON.

William Gutterson was from Andover — son of John Gutterson — probably a descendant from an early family in Ipswich.

HEATH.

Nehemiah Heath was from Haverhill.

HILDRETH.

Ephraim Hildreth was probably from Chelmsford, where many of the name have resided.

HALE.

Joseph Hale was from Newbury — probably son of Joseph, a descendant of Thomas Hale, (glover,) "who, with his wife Tamosin or Thomasine, came to Newbury in 1635, and died December, 1682, aged seventy-eight."

HAZZEN.

Moses and Richard Hazzen, Jr., were from Haverhill. Richard was a graduate of Harvard College in 1717; surveyor in Penacook in 1726 and 1727; representative from Haverhill in 1742. Both Moses and Richard were connected with the Bradley family. [See Genealogical List — Ch., "*Bradley Family*" — neither settled in Concord.] Richard Hazzen was one of the surveyors appointed by New-Hampshire to run out and mark the boundary line fixed by the king, in 1740, between New-Hampshire and Massachusetts. [See Belknap's History, Farmer's ed., vol. i., p. 259.]

HALL.

Dea. Joseph Hall, from Bradford. One of the same name was deacon in the West Parish church of Bradford, in 1730. He drew one of the "Eleven Lots," (No. 2,) for his house and home lot, and settled there. July 5, 1736, he married Deborah Abbot, sister of Edward and George Abbot, by whom he had five children. [See Family Register.] He was deacon of the church in Concord more than forty years; a benefactor to the poor, and an example of Christian virtues. During the hostilities of the Indians his house was a garrison. He

died April 8, 1784, aged seventy-seven. Deborah, his wife, was a pattern of industry, economy, charity and piety. She rose, summer and winter, as early as four o'clock. "In the early settlement of the town, going one day from her brother Edward's to her brother George's, she turned from the path to pick berries, near where the State House now stands, and lost her way. In her ninety-fifth year she fell and injured her limbs so that she could not walk."

JOHNSON.

Timothy Johnson is said by Mirick, in his history of Haverhill, (p. 246,) to have been from that place. John Farmer, Esq., reckons him as from Andover—son of Timothy, who died in 1719, aged eighty-eight.

JAQUES.

John Jaques is believed to have been from Bradford—none of the name are now in town.

JONES.

Nathaniel Jones—unknown.

KIMBALL.

Robert, Samuel and David Kimball were from Bradford. Probably the latter only finally settled in Concord. He was the father of Capt. Reuben Kimball, whose name often occurs in our history. He died November 20, 1745. [See Family Register.] Thomas Kimball was an early settler in Bradford, and was shot by the Indians, May 3, 1676, and his wife and five children taken captive, who were afterward returned by the friendly offices of Wonalancet of Penacook. [See History of Haverhill.]

LOVEJOY.

Nathaniel and Ebenezer Lovejoy were brothers, and sons of John Lovejoy, of Andover, who died in 1690. Some of the family still live in Concord. Several of them have been distinguished for longevity.

LEARNED.

Thomas Learned was probably from Woburn.

MERRILL.

John Merrill, deacon, is believed to have come from Haverhill, (West Parish,)—probably a descendant of *Nathaniel*, brother of John Merrill, one of the first settlers in Newbury. Dea. Merrill's house was built on the hill at the lower end of Main street, where the roads part. The original well still remains, with good water in it. He was chosen deacon December 17, 1730. He kept the first ferry over the Merrimack river. [See Family Register.]

MATTIS.

John Mattis. His origin is not known—probably not a permanent settler.

MITCHELL.

Andrew Mitchell was from Newbury—believed to have been a descendant of William Mitchell, who died in Newbury in 1654.

NICHOLS.

Benjamin Nichols. His origin is not certainly known. There was a Nicholas Nichols, of Andover, in 1702.

OSGOOD.

John and *Stephen Osgood* were cousins, from Andover — the former son of John, and the latter son of Stephen Osgood — both descendants from *John Osgood*, one of the founders of the church in Andover, October, 1645, who came from Andover, England; born July 23, 1595, and died October, 1651, aged fifty-six.

PARKER.

Benjamin, *James* and *Nathan Parker* were brothers, from Andover — sons of John Parker, who was born in 1653, and died in 1738, aged eighty-five — and grandsons of Nathan Parker, one of the founders of the church in Andover, in 1645 — born in England, and died in 1685.

Joseph Parker was son of Joseph Parker, son of Joseph who died in 1678 — one of the founders of the church in Andover (1645.) This family went from Newbury to Andover. It is not improbable that Joseph and Nathan were brothers. The descendants of these families still live in Concord. [See Family Register.]

PAGE.

Nathaniel Page was from Haverhill, and, probably, Thomas and Joseph also. [See Mirick's Hist., p. 146.] Several of the name still remain in town.

PEASLEE.

Nathaniel and *Robert Peaslee* were from Haverhill — probably did not settle here. Nathaniel Peasley was representative from Haverhill in 1737, 1739 to 1742; 1746 to 1749; 1752 and 1753. In 1739 he was one of the General Court's committee on the disputed question of the boundary line between the provinces of Massachusetts and New-Hampshire.

PHILLIPS.

Rev. Samuel Phillips was minister of the South Parish church in Andover; born February 28, 1690; graduated at Harvard College in 1708; ordained at Andover October 17, 1711, and died June 5, 1771. His right in Penacook was carried on by William Peters. His two sons, *Samuel* and *John*, were distinguished men — the latter as founder of Exeter Academy and of the Phillips Professorship of Divinity in Dartmouth College — now filled by Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, first pastor of the South Congregational Church in Concord. Rev. Mr. Phillips was one of the council that ordained Rev. Timothy Walker at Penacook, November 18, 1730, and gave him the charge.

PULSIPHER.

Jonathan Pulsipher's origin is not known. None of the name now resident in Concord.

PECKER.

John Pecker is believed to have come from Haverhill. He was a leading and useful man in town — supposed to be the ancestor of the late Jeremiah Pecker, Esq., who deceased August 12, 1843, aged seventy-one. James and Jeremiah Pecker, both of Haverhill, were graduates of Harvard College — 1743 and 1757.

PEABODY.

John Peabody was probably from Salisbury, Massachusetts. None of the family now in Concord.

REYNOLDS.

Samuel Reynolds. Whence he came to Concord, unknown.

ROLFE.

Henry Rolfe, Esq., was from Newbury—a descendant of Henry, son of Honour Rolfe, who came to Newbury among the first settlers, and died in 1643. [See Family Register.] Henry Rolfe, Esq., was one of the commission appointed by Massachusetts, in 1737, on the question of the boundary line between Massachusetts and New-Hampshire. [See Belknap's Hist., note, p. 243, 1737.]

SANDERS.

John Sanders, John Sanders, Jr., and *Jonathan Sanders*—the two former, father and son, were from Haverhill—probably, also, Nathaniel Sanders. John Sanders was representative from Haverhill from 1720 to 1726, and was one of "the Committee of the Great and General Court" for the settlement of Penacook. Nathaniel Sanders forfeited his rights to Nathan Webster, Esq., of Haverhill.

STEVENS.

Benjamin and *Ebenezer Stevens* were brothers, from Andover—sons of John Stevens, son of John, a member of Rev. Mr. Dane's church in Andover, and who died in 1662. *Capt. Benjamin Stevens*, "one of the principal inhabitants" of Andover, who died in 1730, aged seventy-three, was also son of the first John, and uncle of Benjamin and Ebenezer.

SIMONDS.

James and *Nathan Simonds* were probably from Woburn.

SNOW.

Zerobabel Snow. From whence he came is unknown. The name is not found at present in Concord. He owned a lot on what is now called the Borough, and for him is named Snow's Pond.

SHIPLEY.

Jonathan Shipley. Whence from not known.

TOPPAN.

Bezaleel and *Samuel Toppan* were from Newbury. Rev. Bezaleel Toppan was born March 7, 1705, and was son of Rev. Christopher Toppan, pastor of a church in Newbury, who died July 23, 1747, in his seventy-sixth year. Bezaleel was a graduate of Harvard College in 1722; preached a while at Penacook; was settled in Salem, Massachusetts, and died in 1762, aged fifty-seven. Samuel Toppan was born November 24, 1702, and was son of Samuel, son of Dr. Peter Toppan, and cousin of Rev. Bezaleel. Their common ancestor was *Abraham Toppan*, who came to Newbury in 1637.

URANN.

Richard Urann, it is believed, was from Newbury. The name still continues in Concord.

VIRGIN.

Ebenezer Virgin. His origin is uncertain, though, probably, he came from Salisbury.

WRIGHT.

John Wright.

WHITE.

Nicholas and *William White* were from Haverhill. *John White* was repre-

sentative from Haverhill in 1715 and 1716, and again in 1719. William White was representative in 1733 and 1734.

WISE.

Ruhamah Wise. He may have been connected with Rev. John Wise, minister of a parish in Ipswich.

WALKER.

Isaac Walker was from Woburn — a relative of Rev. Timothy Walker, from the same place. Isaac Walker was father of Isaac, Jr., grandfather of Abiel, lately deceased, who lived on the spot where his grandfather built his log house. Isaac Walker, (Jr.,) died on the same day that Rev. Timothy Walker died. [See Town Records.] In 1746 the house of Timothy Walker, Jr., that stood about where George Hutchins now lives, was a garrison. He was a son of Isaac Walker, Sen.

WOOD.

David Wood. This is a Newbury name. He had a house lot at or near the brook north of the late George Arlin's, and hence the brook is called "Wood's Brook."

WHITTIER.

William Whittier was from Haverhill. He forfeited his right, by not paying, to Joseph Gerrish, Esq.

WICOMB.

Thomas Wicomb forfeited his right to Joseph Parker, of Andover.

WINN.

Edward Winn is believed to have been from Woburn.

BRADLEY.

Abraham Bradley was not an original proprietor, but came to Penacook as early as 1729. His name first appears on the Proprietors' Records March 31, 1730, as one of a "committee to amend and repair the necessary roads in Penny Cook, and, also, to build a bridge over the Sow-Cook river as soon as may be, at the cost of the settlers." He had but little education, and he usually made his *mark* for his name. He was, however, a man of sound judgment, and became one of the most enterprising and useful citizens.

FARRINGTON.

Stephen Farrington — not an original proprietor, but an early settler — came to Penacook from Andover; bought of Daniel Rolfe, (1734,) lots laid out to the original right of Thomas Blanchard; afterward bought lots laid out to Nathaniel Peaslee and Robert Peaslee. He married Apphia, a daughter of Abraham Bradley, and was an enterprising, useful citizen.

SHUTE.

Jacob Shute came to Penacook with Capt. Ebenezer Eastman. [See biographical notice.]

STICKNEY.

Jeremiah Stickney came from Bradford about 1731 — not an original proprietor, but became a valuable citizen. His descendants have held prominent offices in town. [See Family Register.]